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Not all old-timers spend all of their spare time remembering the days of yore, when spark and arc ruled the airways. And, not all QCWA members live only in memory of the old days....

Many study sun-spot cycles, carry out experiments in over-the-horizon propagation of UHF signals, and not a few engage in quite exotic satellite communication techniques.

One of these is Warren J. Weldon, W5DFU, of Tulsa, OK. Warren is a home-brew artist deluxe, and among his many activities, also is interested in television, Amateur variety.

If you have interest, after seeing the picture below, which did not reproduce very well, contact Warren, you will find him a helpful Amateur and a knowledgeable electronic scientist.

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21,445 kHz  
NCS: W2SF, W6FQ  
W2CVF.

#### WEDNESDAYS:

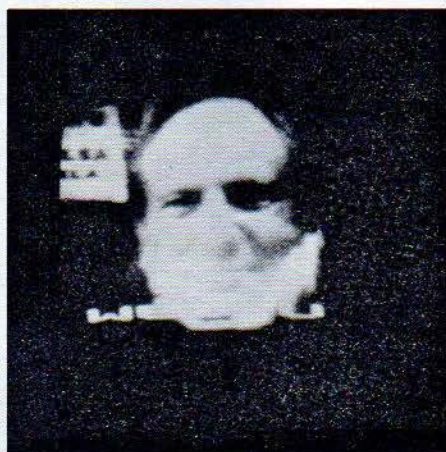
8:00 PM Local  
Eastern  
time.

7035 kHz

9:00 PM Local  
Eastern  
Time

3750 kHz

NCS: W2JBL, W9CV  
W9RC



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IT WAS TAKEN OFF THE SCREEN OF WB5LUA AT MCKINNEY, TEXAS, ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1979.

PATH WAS 215 MILES, AND THAT'S A LONG WAY, EVEN WITH 316 kW!

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The 1979 Annual QCWA Convention, held at the Holiday Inn, in Chicago, was a success by any gauge. There were numerous meetings by Board members in executive session, as well as open meetings wherein all members were invited to be a part of deliberations.

I want to personally thank those of the Chicago Area Chapter who held countless meetings, planning for the success of the Convention. I know of the work and dedication which must always be carried out to insure success in such a venture.

The inauguration of Officers for their two-year term was carried out in an open meeting.. A number of actions by the board were taken & are reported elsewhere in this NEWS. At this time I want to report that all hands are working actively for the best interests of QCWA & that you will be getting reports of this work soon. Of particular interest is the activity of the Scholarship Committee...Leo Meyerson is Chairman, and he has reported that Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, our past President of QCWA, has agreed to serve on the Committee.

QCWA is planning for increased activities to provide interest and enjoyment to members..and the General Manager is working toward an all out effort to attract increased membership in our organization. These, plus other activities will make membership even more appealing than before. I urge you to take part in local, as well as national QCWA work...meet, on the air or in personal contact as often as possible... And, provide information to Headquarters as to your desires for QCWA's growth.

#### QCWA STAFF

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Col. W. J. Baird	Alexandria, Virginia
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## The Editor's Corner

### COMMENT WITH RESPECT TO CHAPTER OFFICIAL NUMBERS.

Occasionally a Chapter becomes inactive, and over a number of years is forgotten. Later, with added interest in QCWA, a move is made to revive action and a new Chapter is formed, in the same general area. Ordinarily a new Chapter is chartered and formed. After some time has passed, it becomes noted that the old Chapter, perhaps chartered 15 years previously has a low Chapter number, and we are requested to change the Official numbers to reflect that the later Chapter might show the older Chapter number.

In the past, our policy has been to resist this action...a policy based strictly on the feeling that a Chapter should be maintained on the record even if inactive...a Charter was issued, and generally the Charter is never turned in or revoked. The continuing record affords a history of Chapter growth.

A case in point is that of the West Gulf Chapter.. Originally Chartered March 22, 1962, to encompass the entire states of Oklahoma & Texas. We have maintained the record, although the Chapter is now gone, and in its place are some 15 or 20 chapters chartered for the same area. Never the less...the West Gulf Chapter did exist, and formed a significant part of QCWA early development.

I would request that members and Chapters consider the matter, and to provide Headquarters with comment regarding deletion of the old records, and the reassignment of old Chapter numbers to newer organizations. The matter will be brought to the attention of the Board, in due time, and action taken consistent with your wishes and the Boards action.

- W5EJ -

PAUL CRUM W9LC, of the Chicago Area Chapter, sent a report on some of his extra-curricular activity. Those near Chicago are certainly aware of his way with words, but members not so close to the windy city may not know of his writing ability & humor..

Paul has published an article in Ham Radio, on the development of the vacuum-tube receiver. We urge you to obtain the article and read it.

A second article appearing in Horizons...it sounds like something you wouldn't want to miss, being an adventure story in connection with a 2-meter "fox" hunt. Paul's description itself made good reading and the story has to be a good one.

Paul is President of the Chicago Area Chapter QCWA

For two years, QCWA NEWS has been privileged to present reviews of new books as reported by Bud Neelands, W6DLL.

Bud has carried on through a major illness, doing a superb job. Certainly, by this time many of our QCWA members are familiar with Bud's work...and I am writing this note in appreciation of past efforts, and requesting that each of you, take the time to write Bud a note letting him know of your appreciation. If you have suggestions, offer them to him. If you have particular areas of interest, let him know.

Ted, W5EJ

QCWA has, through action of it's Board, established a new award.

The Award is to consist of placing the name of a QCWA member in the QCWA HALL OF FAME. Each year's winner will be awarded a plaque, and his name will be permanently inscribed in the Official Documents of QCWA.

Nominations for election to the HALL OF FAME, can be by individual QCWA members, or by Chapters. The nominations may take the form of written testimonials concerning the nominee. The nominations may be sent to Headquarters, where they will be checked to insure that all necessary information is included, and will then be held for Board action. It is anticipated that the first election to the HALL of FAME will occur at the April, 1980 meeting of the Board.

Nominations should be sent at this time, with the deadline for consideration for 1980 election to be March 1, 1980.

To insure consideration, nominations for this outstanding honor should be made and dated after October 1, 1979. Any previously received information will not be considered for the 1980 award. This is believed to be necessary to insure fair consideration of the nominations for all candidates. It is not planned to hold over applications from year to year. Upon designation of a winner, all of the competing applications will be voided for future consideration, although, they may be re-submitted.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called, by telephone conference call, on October 12 to reconsider the action taken in ARTICLE II, Section 3 of the By-laws.

The Article, which was adopted by the Board at the September 7 meeting, required "certification that the member currently holds a valid Amateur Radio Operator license" when he applies for renewal of membership.

The General Manager expressed concern that it would not be possible to give adequate notice to the many members whose dues are renewable at the end of this year. He also felt that the requirement is imposing a rather severe burden on the majority of the members in order to enforce the continuing Amateur license concept against a very few.

After considerable discussion, a motion was presented as follows:

*"Rescind ARTICLE II, Section 3 (of the By-laws) for further study and consideration and action at the next Board meeting."*

The motion was made by W4BK and W5NC, seconded by W0GFQ, and approved by a roll call vote of the five Board members participating. Those present were W5NC, K4LMB, W4BK, W0GFQ, W5KL and General Manager W5EJ.

Ethel Smith, K4LMB  
Secretary

### CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER QCWA

We held our montly meeting on September 8th, at Outlaw's Cafeteria but it is the last meeting at that location. Future meetings to be at the Hilton Inn, at I4 and US98.

The Chapters on-the-air meetings will be held at 10:00AM Saturdays on 7240 kHz. Jim Gundry, W4JM will be NCS. Norm Darch, W2HGV, has been appointed Program Chairman, replacing Stark Totman, W4YB who moved to St. Petersburg. The Chapter expects to continue montly meetings from September to May of each year.

-Charles-





QCWA CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER, 1979

Each Year, Better than Ever!!  
Pictured are a few who helped  
to make it great..

pix by Ero Ericson





# QCWA NEWS

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## QCWA SILENT KEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Harold Becker, W9PW, of Belleville, IL., near St. Louis, wrote a nice note on activities there...His 1926 station pix was in QCWA NEWS, last issue, and we gave him a new name. Thanks for a Dues renewal, and write when you can, Harold.

Loren Jones writes, "Once was 1 kW spark, as 9ACB, in St. Louis....then took up CW, then professional radio-engineering for RCA, up to 500 kW, and then commercial & military development finally to the present as WA3JUN. However, only limited time on the air until I really retire. The spark technology was loud, effective, fascinating - the present technology is quiet efficient, rewarding!" - Loren -

VE3EG dropped a line saying that he liked the new Directory. You are all very kind...we made many mistakes, and will be correcting them soon...thanks, Roy.

Joe Butler, K5OS, Secretary for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter wrote that things are picking up there, and he expects a fine increase in activity. The Chapter meets every Second Saturday at 5PM at Morrisons Cafeteria in Edgewater Plaza Mall in Biloxi.. Guests are not only welcome, the gang wants you to come visit!

## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

The Wisconsin Chapter held its June meeting at Smith's Fish Shanty in Port Washington...serving the best seafood for miles around...117 members and guests were present to enjoy the fellowship and good food. Guests were: W9HPS, W9EAU, W9HI, W9WCR, K9CIJ, and W9GZR & XYL. New members in attendance were W9WYJ and W9ZFU.

President Gord Fedder, W9YFW, called the meeting to order at 2PM, after the ladies had left on a tour of the Historic homes in the old Port. One of our guests, Sid Pokorny, now W5UAW, and Chairman of the Razorback Chapter, we the Founder-Chairman of the Wisconsin Chapter.



At left, Sid Pokorny, W5UAW presenting the Golden Certificate to Harold Wendt, at right, W9BXM.

A nominating committee is working to prepare a list of candidates for the fall election.

At the meeting, a number of items were discussed for action by the Chapter. The meeting was considered a big success...one thing of considerable importance was selection of Ray Bade, W9NJH to act as Chapter Librarian and to bring together all of the Chapters records, photographs and other memorabilia.

- Fred Linn -

The idea of a QCWA Silent Key Scholarship was born in 1977 at QCWA Convention at Seattle. Five hundred dollars was appropriated and eventually was awarded, in 1978, to John P. Georges, WA2MYU, who is now studying electrical engineering at Clarkson College.

Seven hundred fifty dollars was voted by the QCWA Board at the 1978 Convention at San Diego and has just been awarded to Catherine (Kitty) Hevener, WB8TDA, from Franklin, WVA. Kitty was selected from a among 90 amateurs who applied for scholarships administered by the Foundation for Amateur Radio, of Washington, DC. Kitty is a junior at George Peabody College for teachers in Nashville, and is majoring in elementary education and special education for those visually impaired. Herself blind, she graduated from the West Virginia School for the Blind in Romney, WVA in 1977. She was Class valedictorian. She has been secretary for the school science club, class secretary and treasurer. She has been a member of Girl Scout Explorer Scouts, High School Student Council and high school choir.

Kitty came into radio via a third class commercial ticket, upgraded to amateur in 1974. Her favorite mode is CW and she is an active member of traffic nets. She has been EC of Pendleton County, WVA and manager of the WVA Novice Net.

QCWA Salutes Kitty Hevener, WB8TDA, she is a credit to the Amateur Fraternity and deserving of any honors bestowed upon her.

Like Kitty, any worthy licensed amateur is eligible for the Silent Key Scholarship award...a QCWA member must nominate each applicant. We have just appropriated \$900 for the 1980 Scholarship! Any individual may contribute to the Scholarship Fund...it is a tax-free contribution, serving as a deduction in connection with US Taxes.

Any licensed amateur who has held a ticket over 25 years ago is eligible for QCWA membership...it is not necessary to have held your license for the entire 25 years...Dues are \$19 covering a 3-year period, plus a one-time fee for entry of \$3. Additional information is available from QCWA Headquarters, 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving, TX 75061

-Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ, Chairman  
QCWA Scholarship Committee.

## KANSAS CHAPTER QCWA

The Kansas Chapter participated in the KANSAS-NEBRASKA HAMFEST, at Concordia, on August 11...It is a good get-together of hams and members in the area...haven't heard how many attended.

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER QCWA

The summer meeting of the Chapter was held on Aug. 14, 1979, in Vienna, VA, with President Bill Miller K4MM, presiding. Business included appointment of a membership committee chaired by Leland Smith, W4YE and new officers nominating committee headed by Jack Kingman, W4JT.

Reports and announcements included:

Hotline Report by Emerson Mehrling, W4NH  
QCWA News by Ethel Smith, K4LMB  
FCC Actions by Bill Grenfell, W4GF  
FAR Reports by Jack Kingman, W4JT & Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC  
Gaithersburg Hamfest announcement by Bill Miller, K4MM and Stu Meyer, W2GHK

Guest speaker was Jack Broom, W4UYB, who gave an outstanding presentation on the recent critical situation in Nicaragua. Of particular interest was background information provided by Jack on the political and economic turmoil leading up to the ouster of President Somoza. A lively question and answer session followed. Next meeting will be on November 13, 1979.

-John, W4HU-



### 'DLL's CORNER 'W6DLL''

LINDBERGH/ A BIOGRAPHY, Leonard Mosley, Doubleday, Garden City, NY. 446 pages, photographic illustrations, index.

It is always easier to choose the proper play after the game is over. From our later position in history, we might argue that Lindbergh was wrong to have urged a different course in pre-World War II foreign policy. And still the game may not be over yet. The historic enemies China and Russia that Lindbergh hated so vehemently remain---at least to a substantial part of our people---just so. The strong, armed German state that Lindbergh (with Herbert Hoover and others) wanted as a buffer between communism and Western Europe appears as desirable now as ever. But it is questionable that we would tolerate the price of Nazi-ism to gain that buffer. Lindbergh was quite willing to have it so.

The character of this man, Charles A. Lindbergh, remains almost as great a conundrum as the international politics in which he strove to have a part. It does seem strange indeed that this young man with no special training or experience and only a very limited and poorly balanced knowledge of the international situation did indeed walk with the very men who were manipulating the fates of nations and races; and yet it was so. It is pointless to try to decide whether Lindbergh was a pawn or a player in the game. apparently he was both.

What might be of substantial interest would be to know how great his influence actually was. When Neville Chamberlin made the final trip to Munich to trade Czechoslovakia for "peace in our time", how much credence was he placing in Lindbergh's inflated evaluation of the German air armada?

Whatever else might be lacking, the one thing we can be sure of is that it was not Lindbergh's self confidence. Kings, Prime Ministers, Presidents, were in his view equally prone to human error. Lindbergh believed himself adequately qualified to take them to task therefor. It seems hardly conceivable that a man thirty-eight years of age, whose total knowledge of foreign policy was based on a few highly confined and heavily censored visits to Germany would throw down the gauntlet to one of the strongest presidents of the century (F.D.R.), yet this is so also.

Some may wonder why so much about international politics (about which they may justly question the depth of my knowledge) and so little about aviation. The response is that that is the way things are. That Lindbergh was a skilled aviator is beyond question. No one could reasonably say that he ever failed in courage. His patriotism is not in doubt. The point is that these things proceeded in an orderly, almost predictable fashion whereas the moves and countermoves in the grand conflict, in which he was, as we have noted, perhaps a pawn who thought himself a player, did quite the reverse. And it is just that, of course, which gives the depth and really the importance to Lindbergh's life. This is to say, that if he had not flown to Paris in May, 1927, other men would have done so in a few days (as they did). The important thing is that the flight elevated Lindbergh sufficiently above the position that we would have expected his birth, education, background and skills to provide, that by his will or unwitting (even foolishly as a tool of others), he played out a substantial role at a most critical moment in history.

It must be a rare biographer, indeed, who can chronicle a person's life without evaluating actions and remarks against what to him (the biographer) are established fact, and which to others seem not to have been established at all. Mr. Mosley is no exception. Some matters which some among us regard as being settled by consensus on and never established as matters of fact are used in comparative evaluation of the actions and words of Lindbergh and others. I have read this piece several times trying to make certain I have

not committed the same breach and cannot be sure even now.

It has been well established, of course, that the definitions or such words as old and young vary somewhat with the number of candles on your own birthday cake. Mosley has fallen for that one too. He tends to be somewhat disappointed that older men do not match exactly his prototype: being altogether too fit physically and agile mentally. Perhaps when he is a little more mature himself...or is it that I'm jealous of the fact (I surmise) that Mosely is younger than I am?

In any case, if you have an interest in this page of history--and I strongly urge you to generate one if you do not--this is a must book. Please remember that is not the only biography of Lindbergh and should be read in a comparative sense.

73, Bud

### CITRUS CHAPTER

Citrus Chapter elected Officers for 1980. Those now at the Helm are:

Keith Street, G3DKS, Chairman

Lou Wolcott, W4NKD, Vice Chairman

Robert Ragsdale, W4AJX, Scty/Treas.

Ernest L. Sailor, K4HXP, Corrspent

The Chapter has undertaken a 2-meter repeater project here in Orlando...The project was launched by W4WLX, who offered an antenna and feed line installed at 300 feet...a fund was started and is progressing nicely for purchase of the stuff it takes to make 'er go!

Would like to remind all Floridians--QCWA CW net is on each Wednesday, 12:30PM, at 7035...check in!

-Ernie, K4HXP-

### CENTRAL VALLEY CHAPTER

Leon Brammer, W6BYH, send info on activities for the fall season. The first meeting scheduled for September 9, at the Holiday Inn, Visalia...the Gals are welcome at all of the Chapter meetings, so make sure they come along. The Chapter was saddened to report that Charles Endres, W6PJ, passed away in July. He had been an amateur for 63 years & hailed from Buffalo, NY.

Membership activities have been good...and K6HAX, of McCittrick is the latest applicant. George Reynier, is sort of retired, and has been a General Contractor and Oil Lease Operator. The Chapter welcomes him! The Chapter publishes short biographical sketches on members...in September a bit of information appeared on Jack Baker, K6APE, Wally Copping W6DQF and Harry DeVries, W6PIX...interesting and a good thing to do.

- Leon, W6BYH -

Fall is around the corner and the Chapter is getting to the swing of things again. The June 27 meeting was attended by about 40, but not many gals...need to correct that matter!

I would like to report Walter Cranmer, W2AWR is feeling OK and looking like a million bucks...Larry Norcross, W4MGT, a former Chairman of the chapter is out of the Hospital.

The Chapter wishes to welcome Jesse Bieberman, W3KT as a new member. The September 15th meeting is scheduled for a talk by Dr. George H. Brown, retired Vice President of RCA. He has many patents to his credit, and was instrumental in much of the pioneer work on antennas. He was acquainted with many famous pioneers of radio, and is a wonderful speaker!

-W2HX- BB -



### AMENDMENTS TO QCWA BY-LAWS

Adopted September 7, 1979  
Effective 1 January, 1980

#### ARTICLE I

Section 1. There shall be the following classes of membership:

(a) *Regular Membership.*

Section 2. The classes of membership are defined as follows:

(a) *Regular Members shall be those persons qualifying for membership and currently holding a valid Amateur Radio operator license.*

(b) *Life Members shall be those Regular Members whose dues have been paid or granted for life.*

#### ARTICLE II

Section 1. Each applicant for *Regular Membership* living on the North American Continent or in an area listed in the latest National Zipcode Directory shall remit an entry fee of three dollars (\$3.00) plus three years dues of nineteen dollars (\$19.00) for a total of twenty-two dollars (\$22.00).

Each applicant for *Regular Membership* living off the North American Continent in an area not listed in the latest National Zipcode Directory shall remit an entry fee of three dollars (\$3.00) plus three years dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) in U.S. funds for regular membership privileges with the exception of receiving publications. Such members may receive publications at cost plus mailing fees, which may be set from time to time.

Section 2. Each applicant for Life Membership shall make a life-time payment of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Payments for Life Membership may be made in three installments of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each over a period of one year. If payments are not completed within the one year period, the money paid will be credited toward regular dues. If an entry fee has not been previously paid, it must be remitted with the first payment of Life Membership.

Section 3. *Renewal of dues shall be accepted upon payment of fees prescribed and certification that the member currently holds a valid Amateur Radio operator license.*

Note: *Succeeding paragraphs must be renumbered.*

#### ARTICLE V

Section 3. *Subscriptions to the QCWA News may be accepted by the General Manager from persons not qualified for membership, upon receipt of payment of the fees prescribed for membership.*

#### ARTICLE VI

Section 3. *A Nominating Committee to select eligible candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and appropriate Director positions shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, no later than July of even-numbered calendar years.*

Section 5. Each candidate shall be requested to submit in writing a brief biographical outline to the Secretary by March 1 of the odd-numbered calendar year. This biographical outline shall be published in the spring issue of the QCWA News.

### SUMMARY OF MINUTES

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
September 6-9, 1979

Meetings of the QCWA Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting of the membership were held at Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois on September 6 through 9, 1979.

A summary of the major actions and information are shown below. Full minutes of the open meetings are available upon request.

1. By-laws were amended to specify that a member must retain an Amateur license in order to retain his membership in QCWA. (See amendments.)
2. The time-frame of nominations and elections was modified to allow more time for consideration of candidates before the election and more time between the election and assumption of office. (See amendments.)
3. Dues were increased to \$19.00 for three years and \$75.00 for Life Membership. The increase will become effective 1 January, 1980. Advance payments will be accepted at the present rate until that date. (See amendments.)
4. Report of the Tellers Committee was read and newly elected Director Leland Smith, W5KL, was installed as a member of the Board.
5. The Scholarship Award was increased to \$900 for the next year and preference will be given to providing a grant to a graduate student.
6. A Hall-of-Fame type "Member of the Year Award" was established. The first to be honored will be selected at the Board meeting in April, 1980. Nominations are solicited.
7. There was considerable discussion about the Area Director concept and an increase in the number of Directors serving on the Board. Any change in the present structure was rejected. The proposition was presented to the membership last fall and failed to win membership support.
8. There was considerable discussion about the lack of communications from the "vast silent majority." The Board members would like to hear more from the Chapters and the membership. More efforts should be made to bring the At-large members into the "main stream" of QCWA.
9. A review was made of items contained in correspondence received by the Secretary and requesting Board consideration. Each letter will be answered.
10. The offer of El Paso Chapter was accepted to host the 1981 Annual Meeting and convention in Texas.
11. The next Board meeting will be held in Dayton, Ohio, the last week-end in April, 1980.
12. Members were urged to attend the 1980 convention in Orlando, Florida, on November 1-2. Watch QCWA News for details.

Ethel Smith, K4LMB  
Secretary

### AMENDMENTS TO QCWA BY-LAWS - Continued

- Section 6. Ballots shall be sent no later than May of each odd-numbered year to each member in good standing. The polls shall be open no less than 60 days after the date of ballot mailing. Election of the candidates shall be by written ballot vote of a plurality of the members voting before the close of the polls.

Note: All changes and additions are indicated by *italic type*.



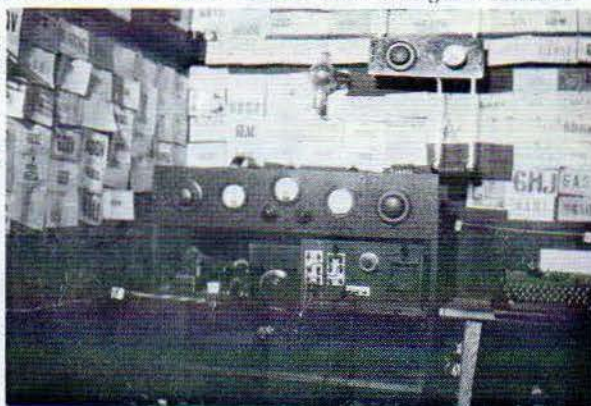
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## QCWA PROFILE

Some time ago we received a specially fine letter from an old-timer...and believe that you would all enjoy meeting him face to face...so, here's his letter, essentially just as he wrote it!

"Just a few words to let you know I enjoy QCWA NEWS, and like so many others of the Clan, I read the publication, stem to stern, reminiscing when my thoughts are call to someone who I had the pleasure of contacting, lo, many long years ago... In particular, the 'deviation swing' of my rocking chair pops the limits when I run across photographs of 'dream rigs' of Wouff Hong days, and...as well, the old Western Electric units where dreams were made as one rode the gain control & sweated from the heat of the old 212-D bottles, etc. In that connection, at right, is a picture of one of my old home-brew rigs, licensed under my old call, 6DEC. Do believe construction was in late 1928, & the rig served me faithfully, and well, while I sweated out the beach-list with RCA and Mackay Radio, during the never to be forgotten depression days. The rig consisted of a CX-210 osc driving a WE-211 as a tuned buffer into a WE-211 power amplifier. The antenna was the ole reliable end-fed zepp with a feedline up the wall in copper ribbon supported on the old type telephone caps and cases. The middle shelf contained a Bunnell telegraph relay for bias keying, the bias supply, filament transformer and filament relay. The power supply was a 36 jar chemical and 3 kW pole transformer. Receiving set was a Schnell detector and two-step audio."



The set and the man...Ed Lomba, K6PX...Ed is now 70 years young and retired for the last five years. First licensed as 6DEC in 1926, and continuously since then. Ed obtained his call (K6PX) in '67 via the \$25 route. Was in commercial radio something over 15 years, pounding everything from quarter-kW sparks of Submarine Signal through 5 kilowatt sparks on 500 kc and arc rigs too...ending his career in commercial radio with KFS, at the receiving station. Ed shifted out of radio shortly after Pearl Harbor and ended his working career as a construction electrician. Ed holds the Golden Certificate!

*Ed Lomba* K6PX

"Pulled into Texas many, many times while on the freight runs; the last pre-war time when I got stuck (and I do mean stuck) on the Galveston/NYC sulphur run for a few months, Ugh! Next time am your way, hope to have the pleasure of meeting you in person...til then, I am. - Ed.

A fine story, a good picture, and one that I'm certain many will enjoy....if you've worked Ed, commercial or amateur, drop him a line.

-W5EJ-

## LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

The Chapter, who sponsored the 1979 QSO PARTY, is proud of the participation by Chapter members who took part in operating, as well as counting.. 21 members sent in logs, and stood pretty high in overall rank too.

The October 12, 1979 meeting is scheduled for the Coral House Restaurant, at Baldwin, NY, with the program being handled by Frank Bruce, W2QQD, who is part of the news team of Channel 67.

The Chapter was saddened to note the passing of Edward T. Farish, K2HW!

## NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER

The North Texas Chapter held it's first on-the-air meeting on Saturday, September 29, 1979. Had a nice turn-out for it, and we're encouraged that it will be a great success. Charles Byars, W5GPO is NET CONTROL, and extends a cordial invitation to all who can to join with us. Each Saturday at 8:30AM, on 3945 kHz.

The last Chapter meeting was held at the home of Joe Ward, W5AAX with seven members and six guests attending. Had a good meal, and after a short business meeting, and hour of very fine eye to eye QSO'ing.

-Ray, W5JOG -

## NORTHWEST CHAPTER

The Chapters fall meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, 1979 at the Holiday Inn, 17338 Pacific Hwy South, across the road from SEA-TAC Airport. Pat West, W7EI has the program!

## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Si Morrison, W6OSD wrote to advise of activities and to let us know of several SK members. Bob Crain, K6CM, Dr Frank Bornowski, W6TBI and K. W. Pyle, N6BU.

Al Henderson, K6AJ wrote a short note which Si sent along, urging that QCWA membership not be tied to continuous licensing...once eligible, always eligible.

Si has not had it easy recently, in May he had to undergo surgery that was serious, and nearly did him in...but came through it OK. Other Chapter news appears elsewhere...We did not know of those SK members, except for K. W. Pyle...he was a personal friend, and a Broadcast Engineer for many a year...having been the one who built KFKB, a famous station many years ago, belonging to Dr. J. R. Brinkley, of Milford, Kansas. Kay was a friend to young hams, giving them parts and tubes, and everything else he could spare. In recent years he had been a sea-going operator.

- W5EJ -

## SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Officers for the Chapter elected to serve 1979-80 are:

Ebert Long, K4GEW, Chairman

L. W. Blakeslee, Jr., W4BGR, Scty

Robert Siff, K4AMG, Treasurer

They were installed in office at the May 2, 1979 meeting.

- CARL -



At right, L-R are Paul Crum, W9LC, and Harry Gartsman, W6ATC...both are Presidents...Paul being President of the Chicago Area Chapter, Harry is President of QCWA National.

Both being excellent politicians gives some credence to rumors of swapping the Angels for the Whitesox.



At left, L-R are Henry Klaus, W9AK, President of Klaus Radio and, R. H. G. Matthews, 9ZN, one of Amateur Radios pioneers.

The occasion, at Chicago, was the award of a secret weapon (most of which was left out of the picture for security reasons).



Did you ever, in your entire life, see a face happier than Bill Halligan's? We knew that Shaw (W9CI) was a fabulous story teller, but what could he have said to absolutely tickle Bill?

I vote this the pix of the year!



At left, Matty, 9ZN, and his lovely Lady.



The pictures on this page were taken by Willis L. Otto, WØDC, from Davenport. Willis is a superb photographer... All of us in QCWA thank him for recording these moments.

-W5EJ-



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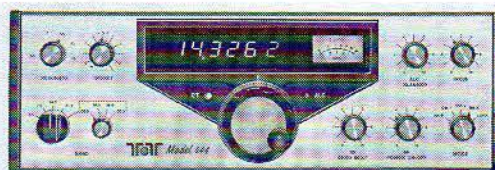
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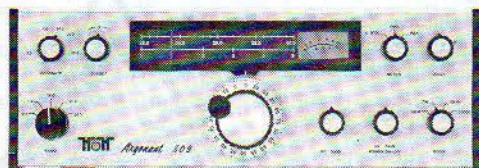
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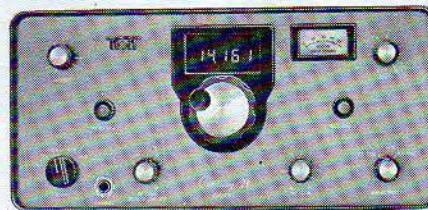
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QCWA - Meeting  
August 25, 1979

**DNAT**

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The German Chapter had a meeting August 25, 1979 in Bentheim. 16 members were present. A memorial was held for silent keys... DL1CN and DJ3VR. The Chapter's President, Hans, DL1YA, remarked on the work of Erich, DL1LD, for his work as Secretary of the Chapter.

Most meetings of the Chapter are in association with other Amateur meetings and conventions. This policy is expected to change for 1980, with the Chapter having a QCWA only meeting.

The Chapter, formed only two years ago, with 15 members, has now grown to 77 members...larger than many Chapters in the U. S., and true to the international flavor, HB9LW and OE3RE are also members of the German Chapter!

Signatures of those attending the August 25 meeting are on the card at left, a four-color printing, and delightful to see. We keep them in Headquarters for all to see.

DL1YA & W5EJ

## RAZORBACK CHAPTER

Henry Pattee, W5POH, wrote of the Chapters Spring meeting, held at Fort Smith Arkansas, and sent in a fine picture of W5QKR, at the key of his spark xmtr demonstrated at the meeting. W5QKR is M. L. Young!



Picture by Vern, K5BP

## TREASURE STATE CHAPTER

E. Phil Coulter, W7PX wrote a nice letter, requesting a bit of information, and letting us know that the Chapter is OK. The By-Laws were changed during 1979 to create the job of corresponding Secretary, and Leslie Blewett, W7010 was given the job!

Phil mentioned that he had met and talked with Bill Earle, W7AU, from Great Falls...understand Bill is going to get a Golden Certificate soon! Be sure and send a pix of the event, when the award is made.

- Phil, W7PX -

## CANTON OHIO CHAPTER

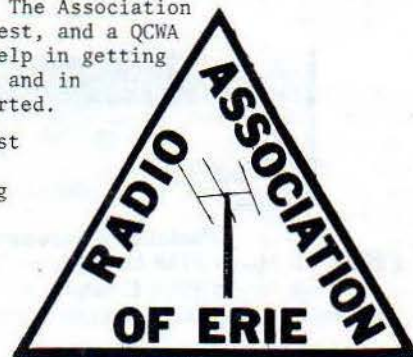
Meeting Review: Due to Saturday nights being reserved more than three months in advance, the May meeting was held the second of June. Attendance was 51, and a delicious dinner, friendly people and an interesting program made it one of the best.

Dewey Emery, W8SL and Len Riegler, W8DNC were presented the Golden Certificate by President Harley Ball, W8ETK. By the way, there were five in attendance with 50 or more years in Amateur Radio. Ev Gibbs heads the list, W8AQ, with Century Award. Joanne Schroeder, daughter of Ed & Gert Schroeder, W8EJL, and Tomray W8LDR were guests. Tom has since become a member of QCWA, Welcome, to you, Tom. John & Mary Lou Hoffer, W8CWY were in attendance. John is Prexy of Pittsburgh Chapter, and past presidento of the Canton Chapter.

- Henry, W80YV -

W3QPP, Paul is working all out to establish a Chapter for the Erie Region. He wrote that with a lot of Help from the Radio Association of Erie it looked pretty good. The Association sponsored the Erie Hamfest, and a QCWA booth was on hand, to help in getting a number of new members and in getting the Chapter started.

It seems that in our list of stations in the QSO Party, we used the wrong call, and for that we sure apologize. Keep us informed of actions Paul, we're sure looking forward to making out a new Charter!





### HOUSTON CHAPTER

The Houston Chapter is alive and well. In fact, at the September 22 election, the following Directors were elected

Jerry Sears, WSAIR; Lem Decker, W5FFP; C. B. Scott, W5GPD; Margaret Pearre, K5MXO; Charles Thomsen, W5OP; Dale Cooper, W5PLE; Al Shaw, W5UYW; Box Cox, AB5X; & Gene Silver, W5ZUJ.

Following the election of the Board, the following officers were named:

Margaret Pearre, K5MXO, President  
Charles Thomsen, W5OP, Vice President  
Box Cox, AB5X, Secretary/Treasurer

The Chapter manned and planned a QCWA Breakfast at the ARRL Convention, October 5-7, 1979...About ninety members were present...a really fine meeting.

Otho Lindsey, W5FR, just out of major surgery came, Dave Allen, W5KV, even when he couldn't make, did so...And, Dave Allen made it...Scotty, W5GPD is having a good time with a keyboard keyer...and, lets get some more checkins on the 3835 net, BB Thorn, W5CIX, NC is doing a good job, but you all ain't a been gittin on the aer like yu otta!



Pictured at the left is the one who may be the first YL President of a QCWA Chapter.

Margaret Pearre, K5MXO, was first licensed as WN4TIE at Memphis, TN, in 1951. Since then she's been busy in YLRL in ARMY MARS, in Houston Amateur Radio Club, in ARRL & nearly every other Amateur activity.

She founded the Pearre Family Association (Genealogy) and with Bill, her husband, wrote, printed & published the Texas Lone Star Bulletin a MARS monthly magazine.

Houston Chapter is proud of Margaret!

Monty, N5EN

Casy, KL7GCH sent a QSL card, attached hereto, & obviously drawn by a tipsy artist, purporting to show that Alaska is larger than Texas. I'll tell you, those Alaskans just can't be counted on when it comes to figuring size!

# KL7GCH

QTH: Kodiak Island

K. M. CASEY, Box 2822, Kodiak, Alaska 99615

Kidding aside, it's a fine card, and a wonderful State...wish we could visit you Casey!

-W5EJ-

### THE GERMAN CHAPTER OF QCWA

Active as always. Hans, DL1YA wrote a nice letter, and enclosed a fine picture of several members, with the Chapter Banner.



L-R, Fritz, DL7CT; Gerd, DL3ME; Hans, DL1YA and Peppi, OE1SJ., taken at Friedrichshafen, June 30 1979.

Gerd was awarded his Golden Certificate in Chicago, on September 6, 1979.

Hans, DL1YA

We received a letter from Robert Vanier, F3IJ, in response to the ballot he received in connection with the QCWA election. Bob sent his ballot, and thereby did his part in the process of electing Officers and Directors for QCWA. Only 45% of the members did vote!

It is always a pleasure to hear from Bob, and to have visited with him at QCWA in San Diego last fall. I have included a copy of his ID stamp which appears on each letter.



From QCWA here, good health to you and yours, Bob.

### SHORT PATH ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION AT 146 MHz

QCWA member William Barron, W4WCF, has spent a great deal of time in researching the basic facts which can, at times give us some unusual long distance transmissions on 2 meters. He has written a fine treatise on his observations. A full discussion of cause and effect, graphs, data, and a full bibliography make his work not only interesting, but information packed.

Bill is interested in hearing from others having a like interest. If you have conducted tests and have information, contact Bill. at 1011 Arlington Blvd, Arlington, VA 22209.

Mac McRae, W9RC, immediate past activities Chairman for QCWA, has been hospitalized at Rochester, Minnesota. Mac was very ill in Chicago, at the QCWA meeting, where he introduced Matty, W9ZN, in one of the high-lights of the meeting.

Please send cards to Florence McRae, who is staying at the Beverly Motel Apartments, 426 2nd St., SW., Rochester, MN 55901.

Your encouragement will be a big boost for Mc!



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## DOGWOOD CHAPTER

The fourth General Annual meeting of the Dogwood Chapter was held in Vernon Lodge, Vernon, B.C., June 30, 1979. The meeting was called to order by President, Max Green, VE7DZ. 27 QCWA members signed the roster...They are:

VE7FB, VE7DZ, VE7YG, VE7DAR, VE7CX, VE7KC, VE7BQ, VE7APF, VE7JT, VE7LD, VE7HM, VE7HW, VE7SO, VE6MJ, VE7ALX, VE7GD, VE7DK, VE7KX, VE7KM, VE7LL, VE7WP, VE7LC, VE7SH, W7SFO, VE7DKI, VE6HO, VE7AED.

The President opened the meeting by calling VE7JT, to read a Memorial to our silent keys. VE7MP, Paul McAnny and VE7KZ, Ed Skelton are those who have recently passed on. President McIntyre then welcomed all visitors and members and thanked those who had done all of the preparatory work to make the meeting possible.

Secretary Ernie Savage, VE7FB, read the minutes by glossing over the high points and skipping the important facts! Dave Gilmour, VE7YG, Treasurer supplied all with a copy of his report.

One important thing was a report on the work of the Ladies Committee (auxiliary), headed by Alice Sibson...she worked hard to get prizes together, and has really gone to much effort to make our Christmas parties a success over the years...

The Chapter and all of QCWA was proud of the honor bestowed on Bill Sutton, VE7IL, who was recently awarded the 60-year Golden Certificate. A long and interesting story was published in the Sidney Review, August 7, 1979 issue.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for December 7, at the COPPER KETTLE on Kingway.

-Ernie, VE7FB-

The Dogwood Chapter publishes an 8-page, legal size, report on activities. It is a delight to read, and is a wonderful record of all of the activities carried out in Beautiful British Columbia.

--Ed.--

## QCWA LICENSE REMINDER SERVICE

Moe Joffe, W6PHE sent us a note asking that we take time to remind all members of the service....inaugurated by QCWA in 1978. Many members are already taking part in the program. All that is necessary is for you to take a 3 x 5 card, make it out exactly like the sample below, send it to Headquarters. Approximately 3 months before your renewal date comes up we will send you a notice, a current FCC renewal form & a stamped addressed envelope to mail your renewal application to the FCC...It's free!

PLEASE NOTE: Don't send QSL cards, PRINT THE INFO, and it is safer not to include any other information in the letter. If you do it like the sample it'll work perfect!

Again, it's free...you should miss such a bargain?

JUL 82

JOHN SMITH W5AB  
1234 SECOND AVE  
SOMEPLACE, TX 77777

## BATON ROUGE CHAPTER

The Baton Rouge Chapter was Host to a Breakfast given during the National ARRL Convention in July, 1979. 95 QCWA member delegates and guests attended. The breakfast was held at the Capitol House Hotel at 7:30AM, on Saturday. El Charlton, the Chapter President was absent due to a urgent work commitment, but ceremonies were expertly handled by the Chapter Vice President, Wes Chatellier, W5DPM.

Hal Sears, W5NC, VP of QCWA, was introduced to the group & he presented QCWA Certificates to Sam Daigre, W5ACY, to Tom Hampton, W5ADU, to Shirley Arrighi, W5AXS, to Dan McPherson, W5BV, to Leland Morgan, W5FM and Vince Rosso, W5KC, all of whom are members of the Baton Rouge Chapter. Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, President of QCWA was introduced, as was Ethel Smith, K4LMB, Secretary of QCWA. All Officers spoke briefly to the gathering. Several National ARRL Officers attended, including Harry Dannals, W2HD.

Door prizes were drawn, with Tommy Smith, N5AMA as the happy winner of a \$50 bill...a QCWA member whose name has been withheld won the other \$50! It was a fine meeting, enjoyed by all, and especially by the Chapter members who worked so darn hard to make it the success it turned out to be!

-E1, W5MD-



From Bonny England came word from Don Cawley, G2GM, who let us have a very precious picture of his rig in 1932. Don's words are better than ours...here's what he says;

"I wonder if you would be interested in the photo of my TX in 1932, when my call was G5FC (I became G2GM after serving 6 years in the Royal Navy in 1939/45 - WW-II).

Rig was home-brew, crystal controlled with British Valves, running 50 watts input on 20 meters. Antenna was a Zepp & WAC easily.

I am also a member of RNARS, RSGB, FOC(R), TOPS, OOTC AND SOWP...and still work homebrew, CW only.

-Don, G2GM-





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## YANKEE CHAPTER QCWA

Yankee Chapter is now 6 months old and very proud of its accomplishments during this time. We now have 74 members, and around the 1st of July we received our QCWA BANNER. Our Chapter and this Banner are our proudest possessions and from the entire membership, our sincere thanks to National QCWA not only for our Charter and Banner, but for making it possible for so many QCWA members to get together socially and become such good friends personally.



Above, L-R are Blanche, K1IZT, Marge, W1VOS, June, W1VXC, Arnie, W1VOV, Wes, W4COW, Bob, W1OGT and Woody, W1RCJ



Shown above are Yankee Chapter members who were present at the picnic, York, Maine, July 21st.

Pix by W4COW

July 21st, we held a cook-out in York, Main, with 23 present. A beautiful bright sunny day, and on the Maine shore, with the cool ocean breezes, good friends and good food, it was a most enjoyable day and our first chance to display our new Banner.

All arrangements have been made and plans are in full swing for a Yankee Chapter booth at the New England Division ARRL Convention, in Hartford, CT, as well as a QCWA meeting to be held Saturday, September 29. All QCWA members are welcome..

Plans are underway for a most interesting fall get-together on October 20th, to include a visit to the New England Museum of Wireless and Steam.

Another Yankee Chapter accomplishment - we now have a CW net which meets each Wednesday evening - 7:30PM, EDT, 3615 kHz. If from your location you can copy, or a band opening permits, please join us...W1ASD is NC.

- Onie, W1ZEN-

## WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The Chapter's meeting of April 21, 1979 was well attended, & was much enjoyed. A good picture, in color was taken of all in attendance: Below, L-R, seated are:

John Freeland, W8GSN, Hugh Moon, W8YBQ, Laymon Knicely, W8CER, Creed Russell, W8KM, Lloyd Penrose, W8UDY, Jim Ford W8QR...Standing, L-R...Al Hix, W8AH, Jim Richards, W8OO, Vaugh Rice, W8VOI, John Davies, W8HZA, Fes Greathouse, W8PZT June Drummond, W8WX, Bob Hough, W8ESQ, Cal Basham, W8NR, Lyle Bates, W8BOK, Earl Vorkman, W8SHU & Tom Haymond, W8CCN



- Fes, W8PZT-

## CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Carol Suttles, from SW Bell Telephone Company, presented a very interesting demonstration program on the subject "The Solid State Connections", to 30 members and guests at the July 2, 1979 quarterly meeting of the Chapter.

Melvin Bolger, W5AXM was awarded his 50-year Certificate at that time. Attendance at the Sunday morning "on the air" meetings continues at a high level with an average attendance of 28 for the second quarter of the year. Perfect attendance records holders are: W5HXL, W5EHR, W5DDI, W5NDJ, W5NL, & W5TY. Runner up records (only missed one meeting) are: W5AA, W5COE, W5FIJ, W5HFU, W5HZD, W5LVQ, W5VEJ, W5OZE, and W5RB.

Bob Jensen, K5TQV, is a new member...welcome Bob!

-Ralph, W5AA-

## FORT WORTH QCWA

Ray Hennington, W5IWE, reported on activities...Bill, W5TI is preparing a slide presentation for the September meeting which promises to be a good one.

Progress on the Chapter Records Book has slowed due to the fact that Lew Fay has had to undergo surgery on his hand... Everyone thought Lew would be off the air, but he sends CW with his left paw just as good as can be!

The August Chapter meeting saw visitors, Gerald Wilson, K5JGS and Tom Little, W5GVP...we're hoping they make regular and become Chapter members.

Ray, W5IWE





Beth, W7NJS, wrote with information on the Chapter...and the fine picture above showing all who attended the NW Chapter Annual meeting at the Holiday Inn, Tacoma on June 9, 1979. Beth sent a list of names and calls, but there are too darn many, and she wasn't certain that all were exactly where they were supposed to be...so, we'll leave out the names...but what a bunch of guys!

There were 68 members and friends at the meeting. Roy, W7AZI was absent because of recent surgery so Doc, W7OS called everyone to order, and after the pledge to the Flag, turned the affair to Howard, W7UO, the new Chairman. The Chapter has acquired 14 new members in 1978-79 year and lost eight as silent keys, among whom was Ray, W7LQ, the posthumous recipient of the Years Meritorious Award. A golden Certificate was presented to Dr. John, W7AOB.

The 1980 Annual meeting is to be held in Seattle on June 14, with Herb W7AUK in charge of arrangements. QCWA members from all over the country are welcome and invited to attend.

At the evening banquet, Bob @7PGY, the NW ARRL Director, reported on League activities and presented Hal, W7PN, with a 50-year ARRL membership plaque. The principal speaker of the evening was Howard, W7BI, our new Vice Chairman who presented the history and development of the Naval Research Laboratory, with which he had been connected.

Memorial services for Virgil, W7HDG and Dan W7USO, will be held during the fall of 1979.

On Sunday, September 9, the NW Chapter went back onto it's regular winter schedule: CW Net, 3.655 (W7BUQ, NCS, W7AGV alt, at 8:30; Board Meeting, 1st Sunday each month, 3.955, 0930; Phone Net, 3.955, W7MCW NCS, 1200; Phone Net, W7AZI NCS, W7OS alt), at 1500 hours. All times are local!

-- Beth, W7NJS --

#### COASTAL CAROLINES CHAPTER, QCWA

Things are shaping up fine for our first meeting of Chapter members at the Eastern North Carolina Hamfest in New Bern, NC. on October 7, 1979.

Phil Wicker W4ACY has agreed to present the Charter to our Preident, Bob Knapp, W4OMW, on behalf of QCWA. Following a presentation program and appropriate remarks, we plan taking pictures of Chapter Officers, Charter Members, and of QCWA members present. A brief meeting and luncheon will follow.

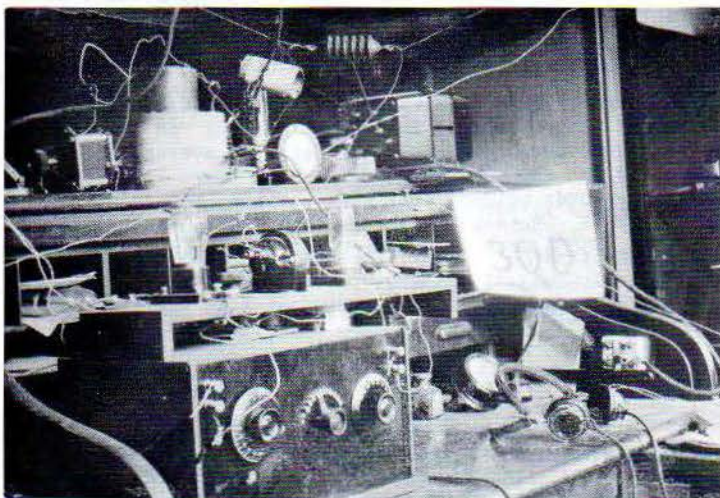
-----Ken Allinson, K6CIL-----

#### SPACEPORT CHAPTER QCWA

The July meeting of the Chapter was held at Sweden House in Merritt Island, July 14, with 15 members & 7 guests were present. President Glenn Diggs welcomed the Wives. Gil Gaat, W4DJO who moved up from the Miami area was introduced. Minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurers report were read and approved.

An article regarding deregulation of communications by the FCC Chairman Charles Ferris was discussed as to what effect it would have on amateur radio. It was decided to review the proposal and draft a resolution for review at the next meeting.

It was agreed to hold meetings every other month on the 2nd Saturday. Locations would be Titusville Merritt Island and Melbourne. The November meeting is scheduled for Titusville. Officers are to be elected at year end!



Buck Lewis, W4BV, but erstwhile 9CCS, of Yates Center, Ks., sent in the pix above...it was in the form of a QSL card & dated February 26, 1923...It is a beautiful picture of Ham Radio stations as they existed in that day. A 50-watt rig CW, and all the trimmings. The owner was J. K. Hillers, 30D, of Washington, DC. Does anyone know of him? Drop a note to Buck at: Buck Lewis, W4BV, 835 119th Avenue Treasure Island, FL 33706



## NIAGARA FRONTIER CHAPTER

All members of our Chapter are invited to attend our weekly luncheons, every Saturday noon at the Williamsville Inn, 5447 Main St., Williamsville. Ladies Day occurs on the second Saturday of each month but they are welcome at any time. Non-members are also welcome.

Our Chapter had a booth at the Rochester Hamfest last May and was represented by W2YE, W2SSJ, W2BHQ and W2EWT. W2YE engineered an excellent telegraph-sounder display, operated by a cassette recording of W1AW. W2SSJ had a very interesting model of an antenna used in the early days of radio. Our booth was visited by QCWA members and friends from many states and Canada and we have several good prospects for QCWA membership as a result. We expect to have a QCWA booth at the coming Hamburg International Hamfest in Hamburg, N.Y. on Sept. 15.

Our Chapter held its Annual Spring Banquet on June 3rd., in Orchard Park, New York. It was a very nice party and the food was excellent. We had a very capable Master of Ceremonies, Ted Podd, W2KX who kept things rolling in good style. Ken Palmer, K2FJ and his wife Ann, entertained us with some beautiful color slides of their European vacation. Ken had some outstanding color slides of the churches in Rome and other historic sites in the area. Ann, of course, was terrific and her descriptive patter had all in attendance convulsed with laughter throughout the proceedings. Ken also showed slides of his DX expedition last February as ZB2G on Gibraltar where he was contacted by some of our Chapter members.

One of our Chapter Directors, W2LB is presently in the hospital with a heart problem. W2RN, our Assistant Chapter Net Chairman is undergoing lengthy hospital treatments as a result of his recent surgery. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Gordon and Ray. Our Chapter President, W2SD has been making quarterly trips to the hospital for treatment and surgery over the past year. Ray and his wife must set some kind of a record for hospital visits.

Our congratulations to Fred Gerber, W2UYG and his wife, Veronica who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July first.

We would like to welcome a new member, W2DWZ, Tonawanda, New York. Joe becomes our 81st member on our present roster

## Bill - W2EWT CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The first report of the Central Virginia Chapter, No. 116, was received. Ten members of the Chapter got together at Lynchburg VA, and got the ball rolling. In the meeting, John Bush, W4FOD and George Rulffs, Jr., AA4GR, were elected President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively, for 1980. A number of QCWA applications have been distributed and the Chapter expects to make increases in membership as time goes on.

It was decided to open the luncheon meetings to guests and wives of members, and to keep business to a minimum.

Members attending the first meeting were:

W4FOD, W4OBB, W4KBJ, N4VM, W4KNC, W4YKU, WA4JJE, AA4FF, AA4GR, W4AVU

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 15 1979, at Sambo's on Fort Avenue, Lynchburg, VA., 12:30 PM.

AA4FF took a few pictures of the group and the officer pictures will be forwarded to Headquarters as soon as possible."

--George, AA4GR--

## THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

Nominations for Office in the Chapter were made by the nominating committee headed by Dave Hannah, W6NBJ...elections will be held in September. It is one of the great things about the Chapter that meeting programs are outstanding... and the recent past and immediate future programs seem to be at the top of the list. The July meeting featured Mr. Michael Castellini, of Scripps Institute of Oceanography... Mr. Castellini is a marine biologist. He described aspects of his work, and some of the electronic monitoring devices used. It was an intensely interesting presentation. And.. for September, Frank Jallu has done it again...the program is to be a slide/talk presentation by Dr. John Garrison... who is Professor of Physics at San Diego State University. His subject of interest to all will be "SOLAR ENERGY." We wish we could have been there to see and hear it!

Romeo and Helen made their vacation trek to the East, with visits in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire! Si, W6OSD, had a wonderful trip to Florida, and then a drive to the West Virginia hills with Bob Haydon, W4IOV and Henry Lathrop, WB4GCK. The fellows also had a fine visit with R. L. Monroe, W8WHQ, of South Charleston, WVA, then to Troy Ohio to spend a weekend with Lou Snyder, W8NUN, who si also a member of that infamous group who talk every morning on 3892 about 5:30 EST. Lest you forget...pilfering of our radio gear still occurs...Bernie, K6UV, Dick, W6BZE and Clayton, K6AM have lost equipment from their cars recently. If you are not insured...better get that way soon!

Remember, the on-the-air meeting each Wednesday evening at 8PM, 28.6 MHz!

Si, W6OSD -

KDKA GOT THAT CALL BECAUSE, IN 1921, THE U. S. HAD PREFIXES BEGINNING KDA to KZZZ!

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

The Chapter's summer picnic, at Levin Park, near Milpitas, was a hum-dinger...hot weather be darned. The Board had a meeting at the picnic, with business transacted, followed by appointment of a nominating committee. The Chapter has been working to increase membership, and found a go-getter-Gordon, W6CIT has brought in five new members since February...that's mighty near a record!

The Chapter welcomes several new members: Frank Hogan, W6ISX; Janice O'Brien, W6HHD; Ivor Stubbs, W6KFJ; James Allen, W6IQH; R. M. Nagata, W6RQZ; Albert Sefl, W6LNT; & Walter Hinck, W6OOW!

Secretary Russ Estep wants to remind you that Chapter dues are due...and, that Frank Bates went for an exotic call... from W6IPB to AA6C! Frank Jacobs, W2BSL, a member of the Chapter has been awarded the Century Club Certificate.

Checkin the Sunday net, 3907 kHz, 0930 local!



Above are those attending the August 19, 1979 Picnic!



### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

In the picture below one can just see the beams which hold the QCWA Banner and, in that pavilion were the good wives of most members in the picture and their culinary efforts were delicious. This get-to-gether was special for me/us! 1979 was the ninth consecutive year we've used this pavilion at Kenwood Park, in Cadillac, MI for our annual meet. On the morning of the 1970 picnic the park had just poured a fresh cement pad under the drinking fountain only a few feet away. Due to our youth, we were unable to resist temptation...yes! we scratched it full of call-signs plus the QCWA logo by a fine artist who must remain nameless for the same reason I can't recall who scratch my call there, or that of W8DT...



Standing, L-R: Bob, W8ZKL; Floyd, W8IAR; Jack, W8LA; Skip, W8JC; Polly, W8FLA; Marve, W8TQP; Jim, W8CTC; Bill, W8ZN; Ducky, W8CJT; Clarence, W8LKR.. Seated, L-R; Lyle, W8DIV; Vern, W8MX; Stan, W8MPD and Ed, W8IAC. Pix by W8CJT & W8EDK

"In west cement, one picnic time, with care, each scratched his call, his sign, That it might shine for auld lang syne, when cup were drained to lees. Has it been nine! Nine picnics flown? Nine times our broom swept clean this stone? Where all who read, need read alone, for here speak silent keys. Vern, W8MX

### PALMETTO STATE CHAPTER

To those who attended the July 28 luncheon at Charleston, the following is old stuff, to those who missed it....you missed a good gathering of old friends. 60 attended for the "THREE F" purpose....FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP. Since the meeting was held in the "low Country" Lin Sykes, N4LS made the arrangements, and gave proof that we have an arranger deluxe in the Chapter.

I am glad to report that one of the strongest Chapters in QCWA continues to get stronger. New members added lately are: Marion C. Fetner, W4BEN; George Dennis, K4DSK; Robert T. Ramos, W4HGW! Welcome.

Discussion of eligibility requirements for QCWA were the subject of discussion at the July meeting. Clark, K4BGN, announced he was retiring as Secretary/Treasurer, and it was announced that Ralph C. Scott, K4AWY, would be our 2nd VP for 1979/1980.

The Fall meeting, October 20, 1979, at Columbia...see you there! Cecil - W4HDO

### FLORIDA GATOR CHAPTER

The Chapter has wt about to begin official meetings at the Sweden House, in Clearwater, October 6, 1979, Saturday at noon.

The Chapter reported that three members had joined the Silent Keys - Merwin Todd, K2HLM; Charlie McIntyre, N4BY and Ralph Coady, W4BNI. During the summer Board Members, in a smoke filled room, came up with a set of By-Laws for the Chapter...they are good ones!

A number of Chapter members attended the Jacksonville Convention attended by President Harry Gartsman, W6ATC

The Chapter wishes to welcome new member William Turner, W2WV. K4GTx and XYL celebrated their 50th anniversary in June and Hal and Elsie Bates, W4OIN will do the same in September...congratulations to them..

Secretary Eli, K4JMH visited Boston to cool off somewhat, and advises that he's perfectly willing to take Chapter dues at this time. --Eli, K4JMH--

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

This year only 9 members of our Chapter received their 50-year Certificates. Of the 9, W6AH, Bert Parsonson; W6BWG, Wes Parr and W6DQZ, Ham Durmesevich, received theirs at our dinner-meeting.

Summer vacations and other activities had their effect on the Sunday morning net and our "Eyeball" meetings. Thru the kindness of W6CAR, Oka Steward, we had a trial picnic on the grounds of his Camp Wildwood. It was so successful that we are negotiating with him to have it as a regular summer event.

By the time you read this our Fall-Dinner-Meeting will have become history and we will have a new set of Officers.

--Moe, W6PHE --

### NEBRASKA CHAPTER QCWA

Art Gaeth, our long time Secretary is still fighting pain & trouble with his back. After several complete examinations no definite cause has yet been found. In spite of it he's been on the local QCWA Nets!

The Chapter held a meeting at Victoria Springs, Nebraska on July 29, with 18 present. At that time President John, W0AP appointed Bob Rudd, W0EUT as interim secretary until Art can again take up the reins. A nominating committee was chosen who will select candidates for next years Officers.

Treasurer Tom Boydston, W0VYX announced the chapter now has 72 members. The next meeting will be held November 3, 1979 at the Holiday Inn, at the IS-80 interchange, at Grand Island, Nebraska.



In the pix above, at left (back turned) to Right are: W0UOJ W0BJ, W0AP, W0VYX, W0ATU, W0UFD, W0FCT, W0US, W0LJO, K0KLB, W0ZNI, W0WKP, W0WVE, W0CSW & W0PKT. --Bob, W0EUT--



APPLICATION FOR  
GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARD

Office No. \_\_\_\_\_  
use Date \_\_\_\_\_  
only

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Quarter Century Wireless Ass'n  
1409 Cooper Drive  
Irving, TX 75061

Gentlemen:

I hereby apply for the QCWA Golden Anniversary Award.

Fifty or more years ago my station call was \_\_\_\_\_ located at  
\_\_\_\_\_. It is listed on page \_\_\_\_\_ of  
call book of the year \_\_\_\_\_. If award is to issued on basis of  
operator license, what was the issue date of license \_\_\_\_\_?  
Please include photo copy of license, either station or operator.  
If neither of the above is available, other proof can be an  
old QSL or letter that will establish that operation did occur  
50 or more years ago. Lacking any of these, an affidavit from  
an individual who will attest to your operation during period  
more than 50 years ago.

The Golden Anniversary Award is based on your having held an  
Amateur station or operators license 50 or more years ago and  
currently hold valid amateur license. YOU MUST SUBMIT WITH THE  
APPLICATION THE PROOF OF EARLY LICENSING.

I am member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Please send the certificate to \_\_\_\_\_ (me) or Chapter \_\_\_\_\_.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Present Call \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks, if any:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THIS AWARD, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION



# QCWA NEWS

JOURNAL OF THE QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

Ero Ericson, sent information on the Chicago Convention, and bits and pieces of the report and pictures appear in the NEW QCWA NEWS....one thing, there were many fine prizes given at the meeting, and Ero has supplied a listing of the winners:

For \$35 Bill Frankart of Santa Ana, CA Wins \$600 Computer

Rosemont (Near O'Hare) IL: Sunday Sept.9,1979, with the closing singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the last of the satisfied QCWA attendees took off for the aeroplanes - some with prizes in hand. The big prize winner was W6RAQ who was unable to attend, but won anyway.

Since RAIN STATIC over the years has seldom found out who the winners were at amateur conventions and hamfests, we felt YOU should know. Here they are:

ZENITH Remote Controlled Color TV set - W9YLU  
(Roy Cone works for WGN News Dept. in Chicago)

Radio Shack TRS-80 Level One Complete Computer  
(W6RAQ W. Frankart of Santa Ana CA. Will ship)

DSI Mod 500HH Hand Held 50Hz - 500Hz Counter  
(W5MYZ Robert Townsend, Harrison, Arkansas.)

Heath Kit Scope - Robert Mattox, Channelview TX

Subscriptions to WorldRadio, CQ, 73 and various amateur radio books went to about 10 persons.

The ladies ticket winners were:

Cross Stitched hand made Napkins and table set.  
Gerri Kelly, yf of W9HPW, Chicago IL

Candy Dish to Marge Haller yf of W9HPG Chicago

Bud vase to Betty Mathews yf of x9ZN Ajijic Mex.

Photo Album to Leona Rowe yf of K9PZD Glen Ellyn IL

Door Ringer Handwork to Margaret Prepejchal yf-W9SN

Because Mattox NSAD didn't want to carry the large Heathkit box on the air trip home, he sold it to W9AVP, Wally Phillips.

The next QCWA Convention will be in Orlando Florida NEXT YEAR in October, 1980. Watch for the details in QCWA NEWS.

Tnx Ero!

## TREASURE STATE CHAPTER

The second Annual meeting of the Chapter was held Saturday, July 21, 1979, at the Three Forks Campground, about 7 miles east of ESSES on the border of Glacier National Park. All 1979 Officers were re-elected at that time, for 1980. They are:

Harold Schneider, W7BKM, Chairman

Orval Hill, W7DB, Vice Chairman

Phil Coulter, W7PX, Scty/Treasurer

Les Blewett, W7010, Corresponding Scty/ Historian

Directors selected are: Art Jacques, W7B0Z; Les Sterling, K7GL; & Bob Leo, W7LR; and Jim McKenna, VE6HO. Those attending the meeting stood in a moment of silence in honor of William Wachsmuth, W7HXC, deceased. The Chapter will hold on-the-air meetings on 3938, the 2nd and 4th sundays of each month. There were 18 members and guests present at the meeting. New members welcomed to the Chapter are: Kenneth Johnson, W7LIX, of Avon, MT; Harry Roylance, W7RZY, of Livingston, MT; and William Tarrant, W7ROE, of Butte, MT.

- Les, W7010-

William G. Gerlach, W6BG, writes to advise of publication of a new book entitled "Nostalgic Reminiscences of a Telegraph Operator."

The author is William Gerlach, a good QCWA member, who suggests a good many QCWA members may have a background in telegraphic work and might be interested. Vantage Press, Inc., are publishers!

Irv Wolfe, W5RQH, one of the old old-time members of QCWA wrote a short note in appreciation of the new QCWA Directory..Thanks, Irv!

Bill Steward, K6HV wrote that he is just about ready for the 50-year Golden Certificate. 1980's the date! Congratulationn Bill.

## 23rd ANNUAL QCWA QSO PARTY

Yankee Chapter is sponsoring the 23rd annual QSO Party. Details on Contest Rules and Scoring will appear in the winter issue of QCWA NEWS.

A committee has been appointed by Yankee Chapter which consists of:

Walter Woodward, W1RCJ, Chairman

Onie Woodward, W1ZEN,

Blanche Randles, W4GXZ

The dates are as follows:

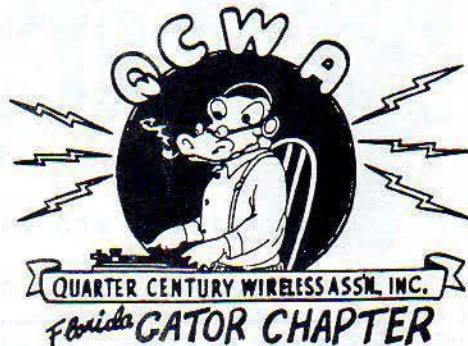
CW -- Start 0001 UCT, February 9, 1980, Saturday  
Ends 2400 UCT February 10, 1980, Sunday

PHONE Start 0001 UCT, March 8, 1980, Saturday  
Ends 2400 UCT, March 9, 1980, Sunday

Put these dates on your calendar and look for contest rules and more information in the Winter Issue of QCWA NEWS.

/s/ Wes Randles, W4COW  
Operating Activities Mgr.  
688 Boston Post Road  
Marlboro, Mass. 01752

ARE YOUR CHAPTER  
DUES DUE? YOU  
CAN REALLY HELP  
THE TREASURER BY  
CHECKING UP NOW!



67 attended the first official meeting held October 6, 1979. Guests present were: K4HRQ, WA4ASF, WB4WDS, WB8JRR, & W4BCV- -It was a happy meeting, Father Cave gave the invocation, and announced he is a proud grandfather. Several wedding anniversaries were celebrated in October...The Wahlstroms, K4UY, 52 years; the Lewises, K4PG, 56 years; the Grays, 48 years; the Sykes, 49 and one other who name was not available!

President Harry Cole, W4DLL, presented the Golden Certificate to Lou Weber, K4HWS. Lew Sieck, K4NE was appointed Gator representative to the Florida Council of QCWA Chapters, and Art, our National Treasurer, W4BK, gave a talk on activities at the recent Chicago meeting.

Ed Powers spoke on the Clearwater convention, and the Chapter will host a sloshpitality room!

The Chapter was saddened to report the passing of Bill Soehl, W4GHR. Bill is remembered for all the hard work done for a long time...we'll miss him!

Eli, K4JMH



Rutledge King, W4OWW is looking for a power transformer which will work in a Hallicrafter HT-32, Mark I.. This a man-sized unit. Can anyone help him? His address is 602 St. Andrews Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407.

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

A Nominating Committee presented a slate of candidate material for Officers and Directors...and on September 22, members voted! We're only certain of one at this time...Margaret Pearre WSMXO was elected Prexy of the Chapter! This may be a first time for a Gal President...who'll be next?

### OFFER OF SERVICE

From the Vice President, Membership Committee, SOWP, the following message:

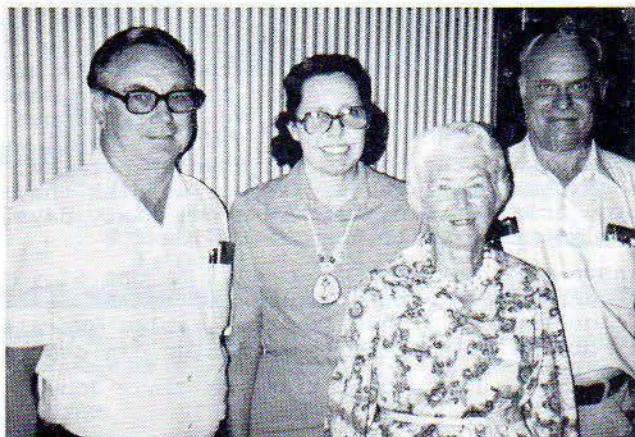
"I might be of assistance to fellow members of QCWA. I have names & addresses of nearly 15,000 former and current Radio Operators...if members are searching for lost friends, I may be able to help. Have them contact me and I'll search the files. However, they must furnish an SASE to receive a reply.

John N Elwood, W7GAQ  
5716 North 34th Drive  
Phoenix, AZ 85017

### SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

The San Antonio Chapter of QCWA had a very interesting talk by Derwin King, W5LUU on moon-bounce, at the last meeting, June 30, 1979. He has been interested in this for several years and has developed a maze of antennas for this work.

The Chapter has decided on regular monthly meetings, the last weekend of each month, with a luncheon meeting at a cafeteria where the XYLS can attend and enjoy.



The Chapter boasts 2 husband & wife teams, shown above L-R are: Ralph & Inez Cole, W5THU & W5WXT and Frances Bruemmer, W5KQG with Johnny Bruemmer, W5LVE.

--Fran, W5KQG--

QCWA Officers and Directors ordered that we prepare a supplemental Directory of members. It will consist of an alphabetically (by last name) prepared list of members, and will have only the name & the call of each member. That way, in conjunction with the Regular Directory, one can have a cross-reference. It will be as inexpensively prepared as we can make it...about 36 pages.

### THE EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER QCWA

On May 11, 1979, Elmer H. Wirsing, W2AWF, holder of a Golden Certificate, demonstrated his original spark station at the Albany Amateur Radio Association, at the Red Cross Center. The old Thordarson kW, with an enclosed rotary gap & original copper helix sure let out a roar when the key went down! Elmer was licensed in September, 1920 and still holds his original call. Pictured below is the rig, and R to L: Harry M. Harvey, W2BKW; Joseph Battaglia, W2CPA; Howard Maguire, W2AAO; and Elmer H. Wirsing, W2AWF.

Bill Lowenberg, Jr., W200J, appeared on an hour and a half talk and listener participation program covering amateur radio & Field Day activities on Station WQBK, Albany, NY, on June 25.

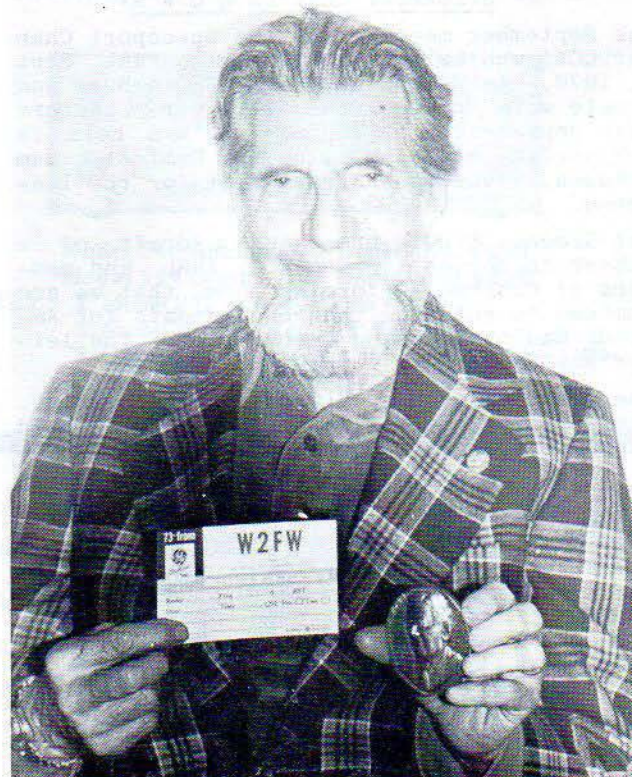


Bill is ARRL Assistant Director & PRA, and appeared on the program hosted by

Bill Edwardsen. It was a successful program, and Bill has been invited for a return engagement.

Jack C. Nelson, W2FW, won the Henry Primm Broughten Award at the June 4, 1979 meeting of the Schenectady ARA. The award is given for exceptional service to the Club, to Amateur Radio & to the Public.

Jack, pictured below, received his license 51 years ago. He has served as Treasurer, Secretary and News Editor of the Association. In May he was also awarded the volunteer of the Year Award, given by the Schenectady County Mental Health Association.



-George Fuller, W2BSH-

Pictures were taken by Joseph Battaglia, W2CPA!



### MUSKEGON CHAPTER

The Chapter was chartered on July 8, 1974, and then had 16 Charter members. Since that time we have an added 30 members, for a present total of 46. I'm enclosing a roster of members at this time. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of every other month. The September meeting was scheduled for September 6, 1979. The Chapter has 13 members with 50 years or more of active Amateur licensing.. One member (W8FM) has been licensed 60 years.

Three members are now silent keys: W8SAY, W8GSC & W8BXU. We miss them greatly.

The Muskegon Chapter Officers are:

Cliff Bee, W8CCC, President  
Howard Reece, W8BXS, Vice President  
Joesph Czerniak, W8NWU, Scty  
Treasurer.

- Joe, W8NWU-

### THE COLORADO CHAPTER QCWA

The Chapter's on-the-air meeting is held Sunday at 10AM, on 3900 kHz...everyone is urged to check in to get news of goings on.

The Chapter was saddened to report that Len Guldman W8FUH, passed away. Len worked hard to get things working in the Chapter in its formative days.

The latest meeting reported was August 22...everyone is invited, and bring a guest to each meeting..

The latest member to join the Chapter is Lou, W8QKR who we all welcome.

- Sol -

### SPACEPORT CHAPTER Q C W A

The September meeting of the Spaceport Chapter QCWA was held at Duff's Restaurant Sept. 8, 1979, in Melbourne, FL. 23 members and guests were in attendance. Four Chapters were represented. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Melbourne Hamfest. Sam Ashdown, W4HLY made arrangement for the luncheon.

Art Greene, K4DQC, presented a draft of a letter to be sent to the FCC, ARRL and members of Congress informing them that we are opposed to relaxing the requirements for Amateur Radio licensing & operation. The letter was unanimously approved.

The group enjoyed good food and fellowship.. The November meeting is scheduled to be held in Titusville on the second Saturday.

-Fritz, K4JFP

JOHN H. BROWN, W7CKZ, PROMOTION CHAIRMAN FOR THE 1980 ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION, SCHEDULED FOR SEATTLE, WROTE A NOTE TO LET US KNOW OF THAT EVENT. WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK ALL OF OUR QCWA MEMBERS TO CIRCLE THE EVENT ON THEIR CALENDAR, AND IF POSSIBLE, TO ATTEND. SEATTLE IS FAMOUS FOR GOOD CONVENTION ACTIVITIES.

### SEANARC '80

1980 ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 25-27

Seattle, Washington

### Cindys Chatter

A year filled with excitement, joy, conventions and new challenges is coming to a close. As the chapter ends, we are all prone to become a little melancholy as we look back....This is good, especially if we recognize our mistakes and profit from them. In our amateur work we can emulate the procedures of outstanding amateurs that have laid the groundwork for us....recognize that as individuals we are personally an integral part of the amateur fraternity....we share the blame for its weaknesses and the pride in its accomplishments. Because we are individuals, our interests and talents vary. By putting all of our individual talents together, we have an organization that we can point to with a great deal of pride. I look back over the contributions of a few YL operators ... there is Iris, W6QL, known and respected the world over for her DX activities....and Mae, W3CUL, tremendous traffic handler, talk about public service, Wow!....and April, WA6OPS, using amateur radio as a technique for speech therapy for stroke victims at St Jude's Hospital....and, Phyllis, W5CXM, the voice of encouragement to maritime mobile operators and their families....Mercy, the list could go on and on!

Some of the experiences related by and about YL operators are hilarious...did you hear about the YL who got so anxious to work a DX station that she hopped out of the bath-tube, made a mistake of using Bon-Ami, instead of talcum powder! From then on she was known as the Bom-Ami Kid! There, there was the YL that hired a new maid, thought everything was under control, went upstairs to get on the air...as the maid opened the stove door and heard the voice of her new boss in the electric coil, her job was finished and she was on the street looking for a preacher to sooth her nerves.

But, do you know what? OMs have their share of boo-boo's too. Did you hear about the fellow near Dallas that had bought a new tower and beam. Like all hams he was anxious to get it on the air. Laid it out on the ground, tied the guy-wires to the tower, gout out the old pick-up, tied a rope to the back bumper, threw it over the house to hook on to the tower and pulled the tower up in place! Yep, you guessed it...his XYL went out, hopped in the pick-up to go to the beauty shop....well, over the house went the tower, and down the street, and with shingles flying everywhere. I think that the divorce trial will be held in about sixty days. Who do you think will blame who?

I hope your Holiday Season will be one of joy & that the old guy with the big gun will bring a delicious turkey dinner for your table. We all have more to be thankful for than we can ever give thanks for.

Happy Operation, fm Cindy Jones,  
W5ZPD.....

It is well known that our faithful Activities Manager, Mac McRae, W9RC, has been forced to retire from that job. Mac's health is just not good enough to permit him to carry on any longer. Will as many as possible please drop him a card in appreciation of his efforts over the past 3 years.. It is a difficult job...Mac has done honor to our Awards, treating each applicant fairly. I shall miss his letters and calls. God Speed Mac...take it as easy as you can and get ready for the 1980 QSO Party.

Ted, W5EJ



Jack Six, W4YPA, wrote on the Membership roster, and a number of other reports...it was a fine letter, with news of members and some info on Florida activities. Jack sent a couple of buks

Jack Six, W4YPA, wrote on the Membership Roster. Was glad to get it and thought it was OK. Well, Jack, it had a few mistakes, but we'll get them all fixed before long. Thank you for the fine letter and all the news.

Bob Baird, W9NN, wrote a note to let us know he liked the front page of QCWA Summer News...a few of his old pals have written and that makes it all worth while!

Nathan Schnoll, W2PN wrote a bit to let us know he was going for a visit in China, and will be there for a long time (3 weeks). He sends his best regards to all of the QCWA gang!

Ed Wright, W2HAC, sent a note telling that he was moving to Deltona, FL. He enclosed a brochure on the wonderful little Carter Genemotor, 6V & 12 VDC, with about 350 VDC out, at 100 mA. I can remember, like you, of the time about 1930, when I would have given anything for one of them!



Pictured above is the station of Erik W. Bierre, VK2BEK. This is about as up to date as can be found anywhere...a beautiful layout. Erik was Z2BA in 1924, and has held a number of other calls. He holds the QCWA Golden Certificate, endorsed for 54 years.



### SOUTHEAST FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Southeast Florida Chapter has really come back to life. Since reorganization in March, 1979 with 18 members present, the Chapter has increased in membership to 36! The september meeting was especially interesting with a YL visitor from DL land, giving a report on the DL Chapter activities. Ilse, DL6KY, was the guest of W4KO. A construction project got underway with kits of genuine antique parts supplied by K4KQ. K4OL will build the spark station, complete with loose coupler/crystal detector receiver and Ford spark coil transmitter. W4AEK will build the 2-tube -- a pair of '99's in regenerative circuit. W4PNU will put together the pair of 210's in the TPTG transmitter. Completed projects will be on display in the QCWA booth at the Miami Hamboree in January and thereafter in the Dade Radio Club station at the Miami Museum of Science.

- K4KQ- Scty!

### AKRON, OHIO CHAPTER

The Akron Ohio QCWA Chapter quarterly dinner meeting was held at Anthe's with 38 in attendance. The entertainment for the evening was provided by Bill Dial, W8BFH and his xyl Dorothy. It consisted of a slide show of their visit to Austria, Switzerland and Spain. The slides and narration were excellent and was enjoyed by all. The group paused a moment in memory of Elina Carr, xyl of Sammy Carr, W8UGF... Elina passed away July 14, 1979. A two year tenure for the Chapter Officers effective April, 1980 was approved by the members present. The next dinner meeting is scheduled for October 25, 1979 at Anthe's, 4315 Manchest Road, Akron, OH. QCWA members and friends visiting or passing through are always welcome.



MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JULY Meeting.

### CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER

George Rulffs, Secretary of the Chapter, writes to say that there is good interest in the Chapter and that he is happy it's underway. The boys are going to establish a constitution and by-laws, meetings, and perhaps on-the-air get to gethers soon.. We're looking forward to a picture or two of you all, at the first official meeting.

QCWA MEMBERS in the Central Virginia area are urged to contact George, at:

George Rulffs, Jr., AA4GR  
4420 Montgomery Road  
Lynchburg, VA 24503

for information on meetings, and membership.



# QCWA NEWS

JOURNAL OF THE QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

QCWA Treasurer, Art Monsees, W4BK, has supplied a copy of the 1978 balance sheet. The information presented herein has been checked, and approved by the Audit Committee.

## QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC. BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 1978	1977	(Decrease) Increase
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Checking Account	\$ 7,606.01	\$ 8,893.85	\$( 1,287.84)
Savings Accounts	21,010.13	7,163.51	13,846.62
Certificates of Deposits	77,914.78	72,210.13	5,704.65
Scholarship Fund	1,284.82	-----	1,284.82
Total Assets	<u>107,815.74</u>	<u>88,267.49</u>	<u>19,548.25</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Unearned Dues Prepaid by --			
Regular Members	36,437.43	30,706.10	5,731.33
Life Members	43,347.96	36,272.12	7,075.84
Membership Roster for 1979 (1/3 of Cost for 1979, 1/3 for 1980, and 1/3 for 1981)			
Printing Costs	-----	3,584.00	( 3,584.00)
Mailing Services	-----	-----*	-----
Total Liabilities	<u>79,785.39</u>	<u>70,562.22</u>	<u>9,223.17</u>
<b>NET WORTH</b>			
Beginning of Year	17,705.27	12,989.00	4,716.27
Gain/Loss for Year	10,325.08	4,716.27	5,608.81
End of Year	<u>\$ 28,030.35</u>	<u>\$ 17,705.27</u>	<u>\$ 10,325.08</u>
<b>NET WORTH PER MEMBER (8,189 Members)</b>			
	3.42	2.18	1.24

On the opposite page you will find a copy of the audited record of income and expenses for the years 1977 and 1978.

Bill, W9GWD, author of the brain-tickler published in the spring of 1979, wrote to correct some errors inserted by Headquarters, in reporting..

In the 7th paragraph, Page 60 of the Summer QCWA NEWS, W4SZK should be changed to K4SZK.

Added Correct solutions to Bill's problem were sent by:

W2DG, W2POV, W2SLF & W7LDJ, showing the method used

W4EPZ, W9AO and W3TPW, sent correct answers without method used.

and, K2HXS had an incorrect answer.

Total answers were 107, of these 91 were correct, a percentage of 85% and 16 were incorrect, for a percentage of 15.

It was fun, and tnx... Bill, W9GWD

Bob Baird, W9NN, wrote to express appreciation for the Directory..

Taylor Shreve, W0CXW, wrote to confirm his approval of the QCWA policy of not changing addresses of a member without the written consent of the member. We do it as a policy, believing it to be the best way to insure mail delivery.

QCWA, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE HAS ITS ROGUES GALLERY.....and pictured below is a good one...not only a rogue, but a handsome one!



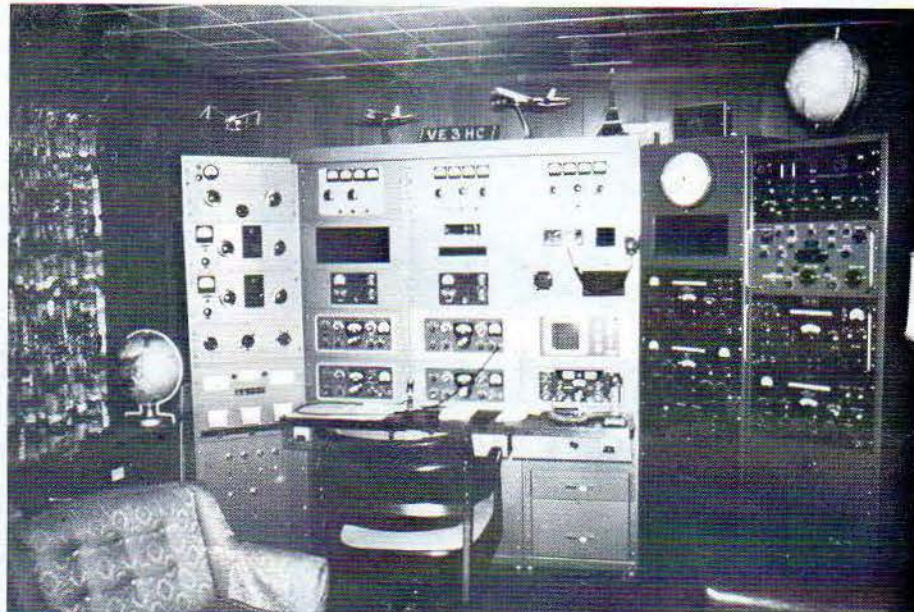
Pictured is Arden Clinger, W5CCD who hails from Lake Charles, LA, and who has friends all over the south!

-W5EJ-

Buck Lewis, W4BV wrote a note about a picture of his 1923 9CCS rig whose pix appeared in the Spring NEWS. Buck is an old-Jayhawker, now living in Florida!

David Russell, N8DR, dropped us a note on the new ROSTER. Tnx, David!

## AN AMATEUR'S DREAM STATION.



Pictured above is the station of Fred Hammond, VE3HC. Fred lives at 81 College Avenue, West Guelph, Ontario. It is rare that we have ever seen a station of this magnitude. It appears that there is a rig for each band, with much other equipment not described. Congratulations, Fred, for what must be very near to heaven on earth!



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Pictured below are two well-known QCWA members. At left, immediate Past President, Frank Gunther, W2ALS and, at right, David W. Winter, W2AUF. The picture was taken at the March 14, 1979 meeting of the Metro Chapter of QCWA held at Luchow's, in New York...

The occasion was presentation of the Golden Certificate to David, who not only is a 50-year member but who is also Secretary of the Chapter. Congratulations to you David!



LEO MEYERSON, WØGFQ, Chairman of the QCWA Scholarship Fund, has announced the Barry Goldwater, United States Senator from the State of Arizona, has accepted a place on the Scholarship Committee.

Barry was President of QCWA during the years 1971 - 1973. Like all very busy men, he is always ready to lend a hand to a worthy cause. And certainly, helping a young man or woman achieve their educational aspiration is a wonderful cause. QCWA is proud of you both!

HEADQUARTERS will be working on development of a handbook of material to be of particular interest to new and old Chapters alike, as well as members.... designed to offer hints, and some ways to vitalize attendance and interest...

To make this a really worthwhile thing we need reports from all Chapters that will outline activities that have done something for them...even if it seems a small thing...please write, send us information on anything that seemed to meet with member approval, and for that matter, things that failed...we want to bring them together in a really excellent booklet...your help will make it possible.

Ted, W5EJ

The audited report of income and expenses for the years 1978 and 1977 are attached below.

The report was signed by the Audit Committee consisting of James H. Keyes, K4FCW and James E Harney, K4DRN, on March 28, 1979.

## QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC. INCOME AND EXPENSES

	Year 1978	Year 1977	(Decrease) Increase
<b>INCOME</b>			
Entry Fees -- New Members @ \$3.00			
1978 -- 780 New Members	\$ 2,573.20		\$ 443.20
1977 -- 710 New Members		\$ 2,130.00	
Dues Collected --			
Regular and Life \$36,767.25			
Less Increase in Deferred			
Income -9,223.19			
Dues Earned 27,544.06	27,544.06	23,251.98	4,292.08
Sales of QCWA --			
Pins and Emblems	2,654.42	2,484.50	169.92
Cuts, Decals, Stamps, Etc.	329.45	552.10	( 222.65)
Advertising	1,574.78	241.50	1,333.28
Foundation Trust Fund (FAR)	575.00	100.00	475.00
Donations (Including Life Time Make-Up Payments)	125.00	524.20	( 399.20)
Interest Earned	6,566.09	5,523.77	1,042.32
Postage	266.82	129.41	137.41
Over-Payments (Not Real Income)	328.32	-----	328.32
Miscellaneous Items	301.86	744.64	( 442.78)
Total Income	<u>\$42,839.00</u>	<u>\$35,682.10</u>	<u>\$ 7,156.90</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Management Fee	10,000.00	10,000.00	-----
Telephone	465.23	374.70	90.53
Office Supplies --			
Headquarters	730.98	146.66	584.32
Secretary	7.24	-----	7.24
Treasurer	72.00	78.40	( 6.40)
Stationery and Printing	1,166.07	1,030.43	135.64
Card Punch/Computer Records	1,042.25	1,050.48	( 8.23)
Outside Services	932.00	-----	932.00
Public Relations and Advertising	1,069.16	258.98	810.18
General Postage Expense	3,315.64	2,059.21	1,256.43
Attorney Expenses (Mr. Chaves)	300.00	-----	300.00
QCWA Newsletter --			
Printing	6,693.70	5,304.82	1,388.88
Mailing Services	1,833.49	2,308.71	( 475.22)
Election Expense --			
Printing	-----	762.19	( 762.19)
Mailing Services	-----	1,257.90	(1,257.90)
Meeting Expenses (Board of Directors)	78.25	-----	78.25
Annual Meeting Expenses (Seed Money)	200.00	-----	200.00
Purchases by QCWA --			
Pins and Emblems	1,971.54	1,654.49	317.05
Cuts, Decals, Stamps, Etc.	751.05	483.03	268.02
Office Equipment	780.00	-----	780.00
Foundation Trust Fund (FAR)	-----	500.00	( 500.00)
President's Fund	420.00	-----	420.00
Hot Line Report	61.01	-----	61.01
Membership Roster for 1979 (1/3 of Cost for 1979, 1/3 of Cost for 1980, and 1/3 of Cost for 1981) --			
Printing	-----	3,584.00	(3,584.00)
Mailing Services	-----	-----*	-----
Miscellaneous Items	624.33	111.83	512.50
Total Expenses	<u>\$32,513.94</u>	<u>\$30,965.83</u>	<u>\$ 1,548.11</u>

\* Mailing Service expense is not a prorated expense. Paid at time of mailing.

GEORGE CLARK, W2JBL, Net control for the QCWA CW National on-the-air meeting, has written to advise that our listing of the time for the net (front cover of QCWA NEWS) is incorrect. The net is always held at 8PM, local eastern time.

That net is a good one, and while sometimes it's hard to get through you'll always find it worthwhile. The net is alternately handled by W9CV and W9RC.

George invites all QCWA members to check in...the net moves along & you'll enjoy hearing some of the find CW fists.

George, W2JBL



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From John Trent, KL7DG, news of Alaska: "I took the Summer 1979 issue of QCWA NEWS to the picnic. August 26, 1979, in Palmer, Alaska. Ed Holmè & KL7HFX had arranged highway signs, and a beautiful brochure to advertise the delights of a meeting at the Elmer Moose Lodge...picnic tables were arranged, wood for fire-laces and a special SALT III treaty with the mosquito corps to leave all QCWAers alone. A perfect setting in the cool of birch trees. There were just eleven of us, but the mingling of old friends was in no way soft pedaled by lack of great numbers. Marcia and I drove up the 40 mile sfrom Anchorage. Ed Holmes and his Wife, John McQueen and his Lady, Roy Woodin KL7IHH and his YL, and a potential new QCWA member, Earl Lilly, AL7F, special guests Roy Mesecher, KL7GZ AND Terry, the 13 year old grand-daughter of KL7IHH made up the picnic party.

When things quieted down, we scanned the HLR for August...found interest with Page 40 of QCWA News, showing Ethel as a YL in the NW. On Page 41, the JHIWIX article made a highlight as I had made QSO with im with my 5 watter on February 23, 1979....We autographed my QSO card to him which I am enclosing for your mailing and comment under "best wishes" as JHIWIX might well become the SECOND QCWA member to earn the Northern Lights Chapter's Award, pictured on page 50 of the NEWS. I would like to know who else, among QCWA members, has had a QSO with JHIWIX....Write KL7DG at 1700 East Tudor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507.

I had planned on attending the Chicago Convention, but events conspired to make this impossible. Marcie, who is closing in on the last 1000 miles of running, to complete a total of 25,000 miles by Ground Hog's Day, had decided to stay home. an pay. If she makes it, and she will, the event will be high-lighted over BBC, from London. I wonder if QCWA might relay a message around the globe on that same night (February 2, 1980? The summer picnic throng send their best wishes to you, the Officers and Directors of QCWA.

Sincerely, John Trent, KL7DG.

Issued it's October Newsletter to members. A great deal of information of interest and assistance to members is published. The Arizona Chapter news is a paper that makes itself useful and needed. Edited by Lucky, K7NTG, it has several pages each issue crammed clear full of info. We send our congratulations to the Chapter, and appreciation.

Chapter on-the-air meetings are conducted each Sunday, 0800 hours on 3892 kHz...Chapter members are urged to attend and visitors are welcomed. Business items are discussed and if you can't get on the air, then listen in!

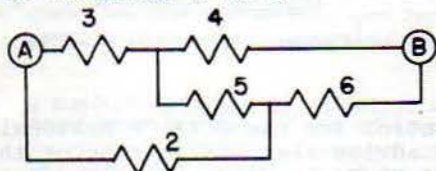
The October meeting was scheduled for October 20, 1979, at 12 noon...Sir George's Royale Buffet, Sun City, AZ.

-W5EJ

R. J. Yeranko, W9JOQ, wrote a note with some questions, which have been answered. Ray has been elected as President of the Chapter. At present it is working to set up the mechanics of meetings, & by-laws for operation.

We will be looking forward to more information and a few pictures from Ray and the Chapter.

Ted Koranye, W2SFW, has sent in a "Brain tickler" which may stir up a few grey cells. In the circuit below, the problem is to compute the resistance across terminals A to B.



This is a pretty nice little problem, and if you can come up with an answer, we'll print the names of all who get the job done. Send your answers to

Ted Koranye, W2SFW  
Knight Road, R.D. #2  
Vestal, NY 13850

The Atlanta Chapter was scheduled to hold its Fall meeting September 28, 1979. Speaker of the evening to be Mr. Lewis Rhoden, of the Georgia Power Company, speaking on causes of electrical interference!

The Chapter was saddened to report that Wally Spedding, W4OX, has become a silent key. Wally succumbed to a heart attack during the night of September 8. He was a Charter member of the Chapter and had supported amateur radio for many years.

Hope to see you all at the meetings!

Ed, W4JWO-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA....Moe, W6PHE, wrote a note in August telling us that he'd been catching hell because nothing had appeared in QCWA NEWS about the beautiful SoCal region...In defense of Moe, let me say that he always sends material, without fail...and, if it doesn't appear, it's because of Headquarters either changing the date of publication & not telling him about it, or some other equally unreasonable problem.

The SOCAL Chapter has more cards in the file for license renewal reminder than nearly all the rest combined.

News deadline for the Winter NEWS is November 20... that isn't very long, this issue being delays for a number of reasons deemed good and sufficient at the thime, but hard to defend later.

-W5EJ-

IRVING GROVES, K4HT (x W2DX) reported that hurricane Freddy wrecked everything. The house suffered severe damage, and it will be months before it can be made livable. 40 inches of water in the house, with 3" of silt covering everything.

Irv's radio gear was not damaged, but his tower, rotator & antenna were demolished. 130 MPH winds destroyed pier and boathouse.

Stay in there Irv...you have our sincere sympathy!



Richard N. Jasper, W4VAF, wrote from New Port Richey, FL., to provide us with input regarding the requirement that members pay three years dues at one time, rather than doing the renewal on a yearly basis. We have a number of comments to make, following presentation of Richard's remarks....

(1) Since the membership is listed in a computer memory, any competent programmer can flag the dates on an annual basis & set up a print-out for expirations of those who wish to pay on an annual basis. The dates of the three year payees can be printed on their own basis and of course, the machine can pass over life members.

(2) You have already opened to such operation by setting up the license renewal cards to notify members of same.

(3) Many of the members, because of minimum twenty-five years, are senior citizens. Some, to whom I have spoken, feel that in their state of health, they may not last three more years. They have stated to me that they wish that payment of dues on a one year basis would be more desirable to them."

In answer to the arguments presented by Richard, let me say that the Board considered all of these, and others, at it's recent meeting in Chicago. There is validity to each argument, but experience has shown that it is preferable to go along as we have, requiring a minimum payment of 3 years of dues. The reasons are, that with dues at their present level of \$14 for 3 years, the annual dues are \$4.33. This is just about equal to two hamburgers and french-fries. QCWA dues are just not prohibitive in cost. The second matter is that, while programming a computer is simple, and getting a listing of names is equally simple, there is the matter of writing a letter to each member, instead of once each three years, it would be three times, at least, each 1 years...Not much to that, except writing a mailing notice now costs us a minimum of \$0.23 each, which does not include computer services. This alone, amounts to 5% of a members annual dues...and quite often two or more letters are required. It is not really pertinent, but QCWA Headquarters is operated by two people, and the work load would increase noticeably by the necessary increase in correspondence. For these reasons, it was decided to maintain the present payment schedule.

The Board of Directors have authorized the General Manager to accept payment of dues on a one-year basis for those members who, for any reason at all, are placed in a hardship position by the requirement for 3 years dues at one time....

in such event, annual dues are \$5 (until December 31, 1978) for those who request the special membership period. After that time they will be \$7 per year for those requesting the special service.

### ROADRUNNER CHAPTER

The Chapter met on September 29, at the home of W5RKS, Jim Poore, for a pot-luck dinner. A really first class feed was organized by Edith, with no-one leaving the house hungry! About 25 members & their ladies were present.

Robert J. Scussel, W5WGW, was welcomed as our new Chapter member. Two applicants were also present;

Carl T. Carlberg, W5IH and Julius Mizel, W5IP. Both have been hams for more than 50 years, & W5IP first went to sea as a commercial op in the spark and arc days of 1919.

A number of pictures were taken at the meeting but were not received in time for publishing. We'll use them in the next issue of the NEWS.

-Hugh, W5HD-

### APPLESEED CHAPTER

The Appleseed Chapter, Chartered August 16, 1979 had its first meeting and took the picture below, of those attending.



L-R, standing are: Eldon Heck, W8PO; Ed Harry, W8LYQ; Richard Byers, W8FXV; Cloice Proctor, W8OD; Edward Smith, W8JYY; Charles Bookwalter, W8QJF; & Edwin Fensch, W8SOU. L-R, kneeling: Cliff Odson, W8GYX; Walt Kowalski, W8KK & Glen Markley, W8VLB..

We're looking for more info from Appleseed, and it looks like another fine Chapter is in the making.

-Edwin, W8SOU-

HOW ABOUT IT! QCWA NEEDS TO GROW, EVEN FASTER THAN IT HAS.. YOU CAN MAKE IT COME TRUE...BRING IN ONE MEMBER EACH YEAR. THAT'S ALL THAT'S REQUIRED.

### FT. WAYNE CHAPTER

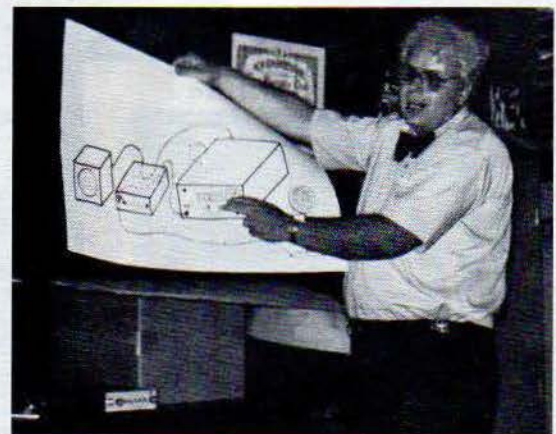
On June 7, 1979, the Fort Wayne Chapter met at the Alpine House for dinner & a meeting, attended by 26 members and guests.

At the election of Officers, the following slate of Officers were selected:

Ray Yeranko, W9JOQ, President  
Ed Braidwood, W9BYR, Vice President  
George Kasdorf, W9FSA, Scty/Treasurer

The evening program was given by James Smith, K9JS whose subj-ct was Narrow Band Voice Modulation. His talk was highlighted with illustrations and demonstrations.

The Next Chapter meeting is scheduled for October 25, 1979.



Pictured above is Jim Smith, K9JS, at the program

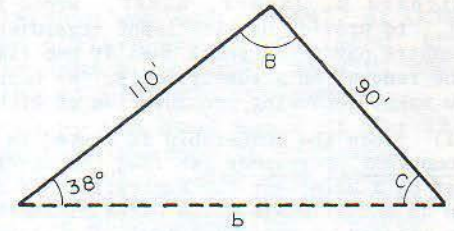
- George, W9FSA-



## SILENT KEYS

W1AIR	H. R. STICKNEY
W1BZJ	LESTER L. IRONS
W1EV	H. A. HUTCHINSON
K2BCX	JOHN H. VIVIAN
W2BW	A. L. WALSH
K2EP	TED WILSON
W2NA	EDWIN L. CLARK
W2NFU	SIDNEY TRITSCH
W2OMM	ROBERT H. CLARK-DUFF
W2OXR	REUBEN E. GROSS
W2PTL	J. E. CHORLIAN
W2QLQ	ED J. GOODISON
W2SOD	WM. F. KLEIN
W3AVY	ROBERT M. FRANCIS
W3GD	IVAN H. LOUCKS
W3PUT	CARL VOLZ
W4AX	DAVID P. SHAFER
N4BY	CHARLES H. MCINTYRE
W4CJV	ROBERT C. HOVER
W4FRH	ROBERT W. FRANKLIN
W4GHR	JOHN W. SOEHL
W4HKJ	WILLIAM E. ETHIER
W4OX	W. E. SPEDDING
W4ZD	JAMES P. BORN, JR.
K4ZW	JESSE JACOBSON
W5BSR	VIC CANFIELD
W5FKE	FAVIAN M. ADAIR
W5QE1	DOUGLAS E. STEWART
W5VV	WILMER L. ALLISON

N6BU	KEMPSTER W. PYLE
K6CM	ROBERT A. CRAIN
W6CXU	DON HAWTHORNE
W6DFO	WALTER F. PITTMAN
W6GAY	ALPHONSE A. ADAMSON
W6ISZ	H. B. MANNING
W6NTR	JACK D. CLEMENT
W6OI	J. W. PAYNE
W6RM	RAY W. HITCHCOCK
W6TBI	FRANK J. BORNOWSKI
W7BVK	ROY A. KAYLER
W7FUB	ART R. AMSDEN
W7IY	WILLIAM D. MCKEETH
W7KLF	LEROY W. LENWELL
W8GSC	CARL N. BRUINING
W8SC	FRED J. BREWSTER
W9EAU	ANTON J. RANK
W9FKZ	GORDON E. BENSEN
W9GDH	CHARLES H. BOWEN
W9MEK	RALPH E. BUNDY
W9OBR	WILLIAM A. HOLMIN
W0AGH	ROY N. MEIER
W0FDS	FORREST BRYANT
W0FUH	LEN H. GULDMAN
W0HX	LEWIS C. BAIRD
VE1AGP	GEORGE G. HOUSTON
VE1OM	D. C. JOHNSON
XEL110	LEONARD BARR FOX



Another QCWA Brain-Teaser. If your trig is solid, it's a shoo-in...if not you'll have a bit of head-scratching.

Solve for angles B & C, and side b. Show how you got the answer!

Send your answer to Headquarters  
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Harry Leeder, N2HL, sent in copy of the license issued to William F. S. Coppen, 1SP, who is Harry's Father-in-law. The license was dated February 16, 1917, issued for 2 years. This license was one of the last issued by the US Government before everything was shut down for WW-I. William was 17 years old at that time. In so far as was known, the record was lost, and only finding the original license made it possible to validate the call.

### ATLANTA CHAPTER

Wendell Cushing, K4VN, wrote of The Atlanta Chapter's activities at the Atlanta Hamfest, held June 16 & 17, 1979. 68 potential new members signed in at the booth.

During the activity, W4KL, of the East Georgia Chapter brought in their new banner which helped to dress up the booth.

Those who worked at the booth & helped make it a success were:

W4BIW, W4DQT, K4EZ, W4HL, W4JWO, W4OX, W4UVP, N4UZ and K4VN. W4HL Hammond Smith, Chapter VP was in charge of the operation and did a find job. My yF worked with us both days and helped a great amount with decorations and making our lady visitors welcome.

-Wendell, K4VN-

Bob Foltz, W7JQO, sent a note to point out..."Have never read in the NEWS about anyone being with 'WERS' during WW-II, and their activities. I still have my 2½ meter rig, with super-regen rcvr (they were really sensitive to weak signals)."

Anyone want to comment to Bob?  
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Walter Bickmeyer, K4NI, who lived and worked at the Grebe plant in the 1920's sent a couple of pictures from that time. Walter is not certain of the names of those pictured except for himself, standing behind the left-front wheel of the water truck. The pictures were taken in 1922, alongside the Grebe plant! Perhaps some members can identify a few for you Walter!



The Michigan Chapter of QCWA is pleased to announce that it's member, Ed Trombley, W8CAM, has been awarded the QCWA Certificate for Meritorious Service.



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## CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER

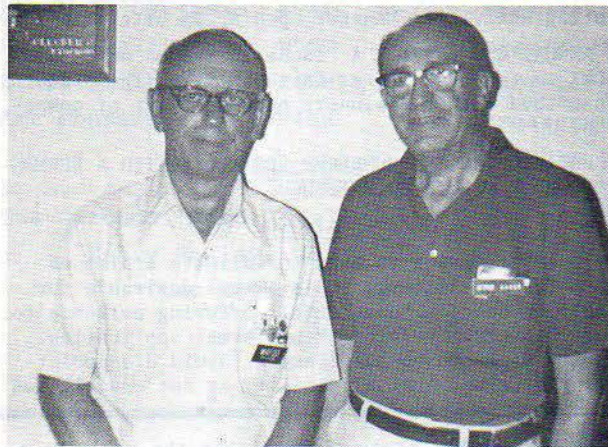
The Chapter, Chartered June 14, 1979, held a meeting on the 15th of September, 1979. Already, the Chapter has a roster of 20 dues paying members, and it has plans on increasing membership during 1980.

Photographs, taken at the first meeting were in color, and may not reproduce satisfactorily, but, we're hoping for the best!



Above, L-R are, front row, AA4FF, W4AVU, W4FOD & W40BB.  
in the back row: WA4JJJE, W4YKU, AA4GR, W4KBJ  
W4KNC & N4VM

The next Chapter meeting is scheduled for December 15, 1979 at Sambo's, in Lynchburg, VA, at 12:30 PM. Wives and visitors are invited to attend.



Above, L-R, John Bush, W4FOD, Chapter President and George Rulffs, Jr., AA4GR, Secretary/Treasurer

Pix by AA4FF

## QCWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Cress, K4YL, will be upset with me, but I simply want to mention that he has made regular gifts to the Fund. To you, Cress, thanks for your help.

Students these days are facing a really difficult time in making ends meet. Perhaps, it was just as hard in 1933 as in 1979 working your way through college. I cannot be certain of this, I do know, however, that whenever we can give a bit of encouragement and help, the student has a better chance of making it through.

The dollars we send him frees a bit of time for study or research which would otherwise be spent washing dishes. Dishwashing is an honorable profession, but it does keep one from weightier subjects.

We would like to urge QCWA members to make gifts to the Fund, as often as possible, in any amount at all. The fund is maintained as a separate entity and used only for Scholarship purposes. When it reaches the size permitting, QCWA will certainly make added funds available to worthy students.

BELOW IS REPRODUCED THE OFFICIAL LETTER NOTIFYING THE WINNER OF THE QCWA SILENT KEY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD OF HER SUCCESS IN THE COMPETITION.

QCWA OWES A GREAT DEAL TO THE WORK OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC.

## Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc.

Washington, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

6903 Rhode Island Avenue  
College Park, Maryland 20740  
August 12, 1979

Miss Katherine Hevener WB8TDA  
Route 5 Box 23  
Franklin, West Virginia 26807

Dear Miss Hevener:

It is with considerable pleasure that the FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO advises you that you have been selected as the winner of the 1979 QCWA Silent Key Memorial Scholarship. Our sincere congratulations.

A check for \$750.00 is being forwarded with this letter so that you can apply it to your forthcoming academic expenses. A formal certificate, currently in preparation, will be delivered to you at a later date.

We would like to publish the story of your selection in the next issue of the Foundation's publication - AUTOCALL. (the deadline is September 8). It would be appreciated if you would send a recent photograph and an update of your activities during the past year to the editor, Virginia Pinkerton, K4SHE, 7223 Wickford Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22310. Ethel Smith has already sent some information to the editor of the QCWA News, Mr. Ted Heithecker, W5EJ 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving, Texas 75061. You may wish to send him a recent photo and additional biographical material.

This is the second scholarship awarded by the Quarter Century Wireless Association whose more than 8000 members were initially licensed 25 or more years ago. The Foundation is, indeed, honored that QCWA chose it to administer this fund to assist deserving radio amateurs such as yourself in furthering their education. Again, our sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future.

73.

*Hugh A. Turnbull*  
Hugh A. Turnbull W3ABC  
FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC.  
Scholarship Committee

## Editors Note:

A list of all new members in QCWA is published each issue of QCWA NEWS. Due to the large amount of material to be included, that list has been deleted for the FALL issue. We will, however be certain to include all new members from those in the Summer ISSUE...and they will be in the Winter issue of the NEWS. Deadline for material is not later than November 25.

WESLEY RANGLES, W4COW, accepted the responsibility of administering the QCWA Activities. He will get his baptism in the 1980 QSO PARTY. A Committee has been appointed by Wes to insure that the rules are properly written, and that judging and scoring is accurately done.

Thank you, Wes for undertaking this work!

If you are able to name the Fund in your will, now is the time...

The QCWA Legal Advisor is able to provide information in this matter.

It can be a memorial to Amateur Radio and to your thoughtfulness





### QCWA MEMBERSHIP

Applicants for QCWA membership must have held an amateur license at least 25 years ago, and must at the time of applying, hold a valid amateur license. It is not necessary to have been licensed the entire 25 years. Proof of eligibility must be given. Headquarters has a library of callbooks from the old times that can be used in many cases. A request for information will bring a prompt return letter!

An entry fee of \$3 is charged for initial membership, this plus dues in the amount of \$14 for three years are payable in advance with ones application. Life membership may be obtained for \$70, plus the \$3 entry fee. Time payment of life membership fees is available; three payments to be completed in one year, of \$35, 20 and 15 respectively. Upon completion of the payment of the fee, Life Membership Certificate and membership card is sent.

### CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, numbered in serial order, are issued to each member. The numbers are never reissued, except to the same one to whom they were first issued, and then only in the event of lapsed membership. Blue certificates and membership cards going to regular members with Gold Certificates and membership cards being issued to Life Members. In the event a certificate is to be replaced, a charge of \$1.00 is made.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY certificates are issued upon application, and proof of eligibility. Those having 50 or more years in Amateur Radio are qualified. Endorsement stickers for each 2-year interval over the basic fifty years are available from Chapter Secretaries.

QCWA CENTURY CLUB CERTIFICATE, is a new Award voted by the Board of Directors in February, 1978. Eligibility is based upon a members age plus his years in QCWA (in good standing) being equal to 100 or more. Proof of eligibility must be established by the applicant. Age by copy of drivers license, etc...Headquarters attests to your eligibility and will issue the Certificate.

50 YEARS CONTINUOUSLY LICENSED CERTIFICATE is issued to QCWA members whose calls appear in callbooks since 1929. There is a charge of \$1 for the Certificate. It must be applied for with proof of eligibility supplied at the time of application.

### AN ENTIRELY NEW ACTIVITY HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED.....

In the Fall of 1980, QCWA will launch it's 1st annual QCWA INVITATIONAL QSO PARTY. The overall aspects of the affair are in the planning stage.... It is expected that a very desirable Plaque will be prepared and awarded to two winners. The Party is expected to include radio contacts between QCWA members and non-members (Invitational)...and that an award will be made to the non-QCWA member making the most contacts with QCWA members...and, likewise, the QCWA member making the most contact with non-QCWA members will receive a plaque. The purpose being to acquaint potential QCWA members with those who are members, and give us a chance to invite them to join QCWA. The awards will be chosen with an eye to making them a coveted award for all Amateurs.

Formulation of the Rules will be under the direction of Wes Randles, in cooperation with the QCWA Headquarters, and with final approval of Rules by the Board of QCWA.

If you have ideas, please send them to either Wes or to Headquarters for consideration.

60th ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATE is issued to those QCWA members who have completed 60 years as a licensed Amateur. Proof of such licensing is required. Endorsements may be obtained at 2-year intervals. 1912 is the first year considered as amateur licensed.

ALL OF THE ABOVE LISTED CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED BY THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE. APPLICATION BLANKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE ASKING. A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE IS APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER! ALL REQUESTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY! IF YOU ARE NOT CERTAIN OF YOUR STATUS, WRITE FOR ASSISTANCE BEFORE MAKING AN APPLICATION.

### OPERATING AWARD CERTIFICATES

QCWA OPERATING AWARD CERTIFICATES ARE ISSUED TO QCWA MEMBERS BY THE OPERATING ACTIVITIES MANAGER, M. W. McRAE, W9RC. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY IS REQUIRED.

QCWA WORKED 50 STATES CERTIFICATES are issued to QCWA members who have contacted members in each of the states. Applications must be accompanied by proof.

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QCWA WORKED 60 CHAPTER CERTIFICATES are issued by the Activities Manager upon proof of eligibility.

QCWA WORKED 500 MEMBER CERTIFICATES are issued by the Operating Activities Manager upon proof of eligibility.

QCWA ANNUAL QSO PARTY. A Plaque is issued on behalf of QCWA to the high scorer in the PARTY. The plaque is inscribed with the winners name and year of competition.

ALL CERTIFICATES ARE NUMBERED SERIALLY, WITH A PERMANENT RECORD KEPT OF THOSE ISSUED.

### EXPLANATIONS

Every possible means is used to validate claims of members for the Awards. It is always desirable for a member to contact headquarters offering evidence to support his claim before making formal application... This will allow us to help, and to avoid disappointment in the event that eligibility is not established

CHARLIE BYARS, W5GP0, wrote to note that the North Texas Chapter (114) meets on the air each Saturday at 8:30AM on 3943 kHz. The first meeting was held October 6, 1979. A good number of check-ins occurred. You're invited!

The cost of doing business has been increasing at a high rate for QCWA, as will all of us. It has finally become necessary to increase dues in order to make ends meet. The Board of Directors voted the first dues increase since 1976, at it's Chicago meeting. Dues increase from \$14 for 3 years to a new \$19 for 3 years. This is about a 35.5 percent increase. Now, it probably isn't cricket, but we will accept dues in payment of 3 years membership at the old fee of \$14 for 3 years until December 31, 1979. The Postmark will govern last minute savers....So, look at your label on the front of this issue of QCWA NEWS. It it says December '79, (DEC 79) you're due for a renewal, and now is the time to save 5 bucks.

PS: If you know a ham who's thinking of joining QCWA, get him now, he'll save 5 bucks....and we'll get to know him sooner!

-W5EJ-



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500 Gold QCWA stamps, Life membership	\$2.50
240 Yellow, 50 Years in Amateur Radio stamps	\$2.00
QCWA Logo on rubber stamp	\$3.50
QCWA Automobile decal	\$0.50
25 QCWA 2" pin buttons, blue on yellow	\$8.75
QCWA Banners, 30 x 48 inch, Storm King Cotton, (\$80.00 cost shared equally with QCWA Chapters) Chapters attaining 50 or more members may receive a banner at no cost, upon application	\$40.00

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1409 Cooper Drive  
Irving, TX 75061

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Note that supplies cannot be issued to ineligible members...  
50 year pins can only be issued to members who have been awarded the Golden Certificate, etc.

Arturo Miligan, W8KW, Art, to his friends, has suggested that QCWA members try to come up with some new slogan which typifys QCWA... Like, as he said,

"E pluribus Unum," or, from 1930...

The Old Gold Slogan. .Not a cough in a carload...not a smoke in a train-load."

Actually, we're trying to be funny, but, a nice slogan would be a good thing to have, and Headquarters is offering a 3-year membership renewal to the one who does best in coming up with one. The final judge will be W8KW.

Send all entries to Headquarters where they will be screened for the final decision!

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QCWA MEMBERSHIP  
Application

Form #9

September, 1979

THIS FORM IS NOT VALID FOR USE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1979

I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Print name as you wish to be listed (no titles)) \_\_\_\_\_ (Present call, one only)

Having been a licensed radio amateur 25 or more years ago, and presently holding the above listed amateur call (it is not necessary to have been licensed the entire 25 or more years), do hereby apply for membership in QCWA. My complete mailing address is:

Street Number &amp; Name

City

State

Zip

I will keep QCWA headquarters advised of changes in address and/or call sign.

Date of first amateur license \_\_\_\_\_, First Amateur Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

Additional calls held \_\_\_\_\_

I expect to become a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of QCWA.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by \_\_\_\_\_, Call \_\_\_\_\_, Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

Amount  
Sent with  
Application

Initial Registration Fee, all new members . . . . . \$3.00

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Or Life Membership . . . . . \$70.00

(Life membership may be paid in three equal installments  
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Regular QCWA engraved membership in (order below) . . . . . \$4.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_

THIS APPLICATION FORM IS FOR USE FOR MEMBERS HAVING ADDRESSES WITH U. S. ZIP-CODE NUMBERS, OR WHO LIVE IN CANADA OR MEXICO. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP LIVING IN OTHER AREAS SHOULD USE THE "QCWA INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM."

## PLEASE FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_, Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Class of Amateur License \_\_\_\_\_, Commercial License \_\_\_\_\_

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